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May 18, 1894 – July 31, 1894
Letters Sent from Mint Headquarters

Fair copies of letters and telegrams sent from U.S. Mint headquarters to various official and individual recipients.

Some of these letters duplicate those of Entry 1, and others are responses to letters in those boxes or in Entry 229 “Letters Received.”

May 18, 1894.

J. H. Purple, Esq.,
Manager Manhattan Silver Plate Co.,
65 and 67 Washington Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Since writing to you yesterday I have learned that the inscription on the Columbian medals will be as follows:

"Columbian Exhibition in Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Landing of Columbus."

The name of the exhibitor following. I expect these medals will be ready for delivery in from five to six months, as we are advised by the artist to-day that he will submit a new design for the reverse in a few days.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 19, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nineteen Thousand and Eighty-one $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars, ($19,081.55) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and One $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars ($101.67) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nineteen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars ($19,183.22), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer

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in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 39, dated May 12, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Assay Office at Helena + Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty-four Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-six $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars ($34,126.88) + Four Hundred and Eighteen $\frac{43}{100}$ + ($418.43) + Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{31}{100}$ + ($34,545.31) + + Bullion + Assay Office at Helena + Memorandum No. 40 + May 12, 1894 + +

+ + + Assay Office at Helena + Mint at Philadelphia + Twenty-three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{54}{100}$ + ($23,215.54) + One Hundred and Forty-four $\frac{15}{100}$ + ($144.15) + Twenty-three Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{69}{100}$ + ($23,359.69) + Bullion + Assay Office at Helena + Memorandum No. 41 + May 12, 1894 + +

May 19, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 39, dated May 12, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 39, dated May 7, 1894, has been received and examined

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at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $19,237.39; charges $54.17, and net value $19,183.22. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

Deposit Memorandum No. 40 + May 12, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 40
+ May 7, 1894 + + +
$34,639.02; + $93.71, + + $34,545.31
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

Deposit Memorandum No. 41, + May 12, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 41
+ May 7, 1894, + + +
$23,423.49; + $63.80, + $23,359.69.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

May 19, 1894.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a bill introduced by Mr. Alexander, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to lease or sell part of the United States mint property at Charlotte, N. C. I would be pleased to have you give us your views in relation thereto, and return the bill to this Bureau with your reply.

I would say that I see no good reason why the Government should sell this property to the city of Charlotte at one-half of its assessed value.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

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Hon. A. R. Kiefer,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, requesting to be referred to the acts of Congress establishing the different mints, I have to reply as follows:

The mint at Philadelphia was originally established by the act of April 2, 1792. This act provided that a mint for the purposes of a national coinage should be situated and carried on at the seat of Government of the United States for the time being, which was then in Philadelphia. The act of March 3, 1801, provided that it should remain in Philadelphia until the fourth day of March 1803. The act of March 3, 1803, continued the act of 1801 in force for a term of five years. The act of April 1, 1808, continued it for five years longer. The act of December 2, 1812, revived the act of 1801, and continued it in operation for a further term of five years. The term was again extended five years by the act of January 14, 1818. The act of March 3, 1823 again provided that the term should be extended five years. The act of May 19, 1828, provided that the act of March 3, 1801, should be revived, and continue in force until otherwise provided by law, since which time the mint has continued at Philadelphia.

The mint at New Orleans was established by the act of March 3, 1835, and continued to be operated as such up to 1861, when owing to the civil war, it was closed, and was not reopened as a mint until January, 1879.

A mint was established at Charlotte, N. C., and

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at Dahlonega, Ga., by the act approved March 3, 1835. The institutions continued to be operated as mints up to 1861. After the close of the civil war, the branch mint at Dahlonega was ceded to the State of Georgia for an agricultural college, and that at Charlotte, N. C. has since been conducted as an assay office.

The mint at Denver was established by the act of April 2, 1862, but the property was acquired from Clark, Gruber & Co., who had erected a mint for coinage purposes, March 3, 1863. No coinage has ever been executed at this institution. It is simply conducted as an assay office, gold bullion being received, and payment for the same made either in lawful money or unparted bars — the gold being transported to the mint at Philadelphia for coinage.

The mint at Carson City, Nevada, was established by the act of March 3, 1863.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 19, 1894.

Amzi Smith, Esq.,
Superintendent Senate Document Room,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward me for the use of this Bureau, twenty copies of Senate Executive Document, No. 91, 53rd Congress, 2nd Session.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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May 19, 1894.

Henry H. Deamer, Esq.,
#1804 Vineyard Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, you are respectfully informed that all appointments in the Mint at Philadelphia are, by law, vested in the Superintendent thereof to whom your letter has been referred.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars ($54,928.40) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars ($678.28) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-five Thousand Six Hundred and Six $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars ($55,606.68), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. 42, dated May 14, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter, except as noted, to same address: over.

+ + + Mint at Denver, Colo.
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Eighty Thousand
Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven $\frac{75}{100}$ + ($80,777.75)
+ Three Hundred and Eleven $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars ($311.45)
+ + Eighty-one Thousand and Eighty-nine $\frac{20}{100}$
+ ($81,089.20) + Bullion + Assayer +
Mint at Denver + Memorandum No. 43 +
May 14, 1894. + + + +

May 21, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Ordinary expense
+ Assayer in Charge + U.S. Assay Office
+ Boise City, Idaho + Month + April 30, 1894
+ purpose of adjustment as required by law.

May 21, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 42, dated May 14, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 42,

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dated May 8, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $55,759.09; charges $152.41, and net value $55,606.68. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 43, + May 14, 1894, +
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 43,
+ May 10, 1894, + + +
$81,202.32; + $113.12, + $81,089.20.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

May 21, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + + Ordinary Expense over

account + month ending April 30, 1894, with my approval.

May 21, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 15th instant, relative to what Account your prastage, loss on sale of sweeps, or surplus bullion, should be carried at the end of the Fiscal year, I will state that the proper Account for these items is "Silver Purchase Bullion for Subsidiary Coin".

Under no circumstances should your "Silver Bullion Purchases, Act of July 14th 1890" be increased or decreased without special instructions from this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed find draft on the Assistant Treasurer, U. S., in Philadelphia, in your favor, for $1,422, the same being the value of special assay coins received from you for the Quarter ended March 31, 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

over.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + Assistant Treasurer, U.S.
in San Francisco + for $690, + +
assay coins + Quarter ended March 31, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + Assistant Treasurer +
New Orleans + $239, + special assay coins
+ Quarter + March 31, 1894.

May 21, 1894.

James W. Ellsworth, Esq.,
Ellsworth Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, in reference to the recoinage of the souvenir Columbian half dollars, I would state that owing to the heavy demand for gold coinage, the Philadelphia Mint has, since the first of October, been exclusively engaged thereon. We have now in the mint $570,880 in Columbian half-dollars, which have never left the mint. What the decision of the Secretary will be in regard to coining these pieces, I am unable to say until after consultation with him. On his return to the city I will see him as soon as practicable thereafter, bring the subject to his attention, and communicate you the result. As far as the Government is concerned, it would much rather not recoin any of these pieces.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1894.

J. Friedenstein, Esq.,
P. O. Box 2534,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of the 9th and 18th instant, I would state that no award will be made by the Philadelphia mint for copper, under the advertisements recently published in the newspapers, as copper was advertised for through an inadvertency.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-three $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars ($16,193.13) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Seven $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($107.82) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars ($16,300.95), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 43 dated May 18, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

over.

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+ + Assay Office at Boise City + Mint at Philadelphia + Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-two $\frac{73}{100}$ + $11,672.73 + and Sixty-nine $\frac{87}{100}$ + ($69.87) + + total of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-two $\frac{60}{100}$ + ($11,742.60) + Bullion + Forwarded + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise City + Memorandum No. 33 + May 19, 1894, + +

May 22, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, $50,000.- by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 43, dated May 18, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 43 dated May 12, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be

$16,346.28; charges $45.33, and net value $16.300.95. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 33, + May 19, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 33
+ May 12, 1894 + + +
$11,775.80; + $33.20, + + $11,742.60.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

May 22, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

On the 19th instant, I notified the late Superintendent,

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Col. O. C. Boebyshell, that it was necessary he should pay over the balance due from him on account of unpaid orders for minor coins without delay. I am in receipt of a communication from him stating that the matter shall have his immediate attention. If this balance is not paid over to you by the first day of June, I will thank you to notify this Bureau officially, when steps will be taken without any further delay to enforce payment.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find $1.91, for which I will thank you to forward by registered mail to the Cashier of the Granite National Bank, Augusta, Maine, a set of minor and silver coins of the current year's coinage. These coins are desired to place in a cornerstone and need not be proof, but of ordinary coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am informed that Michael D. Bradley, whose removal was disapproved, has not been restored to

duty. I will thank you to inform me if such is the fact, and your reason for not restoring him.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1894.

W. E. Morgan, Esq.,
Care U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me what progress has been made in counting and weighing the silver dollars in Vault "C." Unless the count is proceeding with greater rapidity than upon the occasion of my last visit to Philadelphia, I will make arrangements to facilitate it by having counters sent from Washington. I shall notify Col. O. C. Boebyshell, the late Superintendent, of my intention in this matter, as the count cannot be prolonged indefinitely.

On Saturday last I was summoned to appear as a witness in the suit against the sureties on the bond of Cochran, and it was my intention to go to Philadelphia to-night; but I have been advised by the District Attorney by telegraph to-day, that the case has been continued, and that I should not come. Having a great deal to do at the Office I shall defer my visit for the present.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be prepared and forwarded to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans the following coinage dies for the current calendar year:

Ten (10) pairs Eagle dies,
Ten (10) pairs Half dollar dies,
Ten (10) pairs Quarter dollar dies,
and Ten (10) pairs Dime dies.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 23, 1894.

Col. O. C. Bosbyshell,
Late Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Owing to the tedious manner in which the count of the silver dollars in Vault "C," Philadelphia Mint, is being conducted, it has been decided, after consultation with the Treasurer of the United States, to send a force of counters from here, as we are satisfied the count can then be made much more rapidly. At the present rate it would be at least six months before we could get through, and it is unreasonable to expect that the Department should be put to this expense for so long a period. I have thought it proper to notify you of the action it is proposed to take. You will, of course, have your representatives present to witness the count, as at present.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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Dear Morgan:

I do not now expect to be in Philadelphia this week, or much before the middle of next. I have no objections to your coming here to spend Monday and Tuesday next. I am glad to hear that the weighing of the bars is proceeding satisfactorily, but sorry the same cannot be said as to the count of the dollars. I have written Bosbyshell to-day, notifying him that I propose to have a force go from here: that it is absolutely necessary that we should do something to facilitate a more rapid count, and that it is unreasonable to expect the Government to be subjected to so great a delay and expense as the present method will involve.

Very truly,
R. E. Preston.

W. E. Morgan, Esq.,
Care of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

May 23, 1894.

Hon. Julius C. Burrows,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal inquiry of to-day, as to what nations have their mints open to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, I have to reply as follows:

Mexico, Japan, Colombia, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador and Peru.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1894.

George W. Ray, Esq.,
Ukiah, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the President of the United States, has been referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, in whom the appointments in that institution are vested by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

Mr. William Wing,
32 Second Street,
San Francisco, Cal.
+ + 9th instant + +

Mrs. Maud Burke,
619 Geary Street,
San Francisco, Cal.
+ + 10th instant, + +

May 24, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing for my consideration correspondence and suggestions relative to certain contemplated changes in the repairs and machinery of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, I have to state that I have examined the same, and while I admit the desirability of the improvements

suggested, I know of no fund from which payment can be made.

I am informed by the Supervising Architect that he has no funds at his disposal out of which the expense could be paid. If you believe that any one or two items could with safety be contracted and paid for from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, current fiscal year, I am willing that you should have the work to that extent done, and the remainder could, after the first of July, be contracted and paid for from the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 24, 1894.

Thomas C. Hannum, Esq.,
Special Inspector of Customs,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing a five dollar gold piece for an expression of an opinion as to its genuineness, has been received. I return herewith the piece with the statement that it is genuine. It lacks sonority from the fact that there was an air bubble or blister formed in rolling at the point in the strip from which this planchet, or blank was cut. This was probably the only piece effected in this manner in the whole strip.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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G. Barr Robertson, Esq.,
26 Lombard Street,
London, E. C.,
England.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, and (under separate cover) a copy of Mr. Sauerbeck's diagram of prices, just published, have been received, for which I thank you.

I hope to be able to forward you a copy of the report upon the Production of the Precious Metals for the calendar year 1893, within the next month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Five $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars ($60,205.91) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Eleven $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars ($211.83) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars ($60,417.74), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 44, dated May 23, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

May 25, 1894.

W. C. Ford,
Chief of the Bureau of Statistics
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of yesterday, received this morning, I have caused to be mailed to Mr. Herbert Myrick, Springfield, Massachusetts, a copy of the last report of this Bureau. Mr. Myrick's letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 25, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 44, dated May 23, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 44, dated May 18, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $60,500.95; charges $83.21, and net value $60,417.74. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 11	.50
6 Eagles	" 107, 108 + 109	60.00
Total		$ 60.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+
6 Quarters	Dels. 61, 62 + 63	1.50
Total		$1.50

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+
6 Halves	Dels. 115, 116, + 117	3.00
Total		$3.00

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Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, in

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reference to the appointment of Thomas James, I would say that you can withdraw the appointment if you desire. I have no objection. Inasmuch as you prefer to appoint someone else in his place, I think this is the proper course to pursue.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 25, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed papers, I think so far the evidence is against Mrs. Whittingham. Here we have two affidavits in regard to the indebtedness, while you simply have her mere verbal statement that she has paid it. If the parties making the affidavit are reputable, I see no reason why Mrs. Whittingham should not substantiate her declaration by an affidavit. The papers are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

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R. Patterson, Esq.,
Hotel Luray,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Sir:

I have to reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, as follows:

1. The quantity of silver bullion now in the Treasury, purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, is 140,699,482 fine ounces. The cost of the same in Treasury notes is $126,757,945.

2. When silver purchased under this act has been coined, notes corresponding to the cost of such silver have not been cancelled. The only notes issued under this act cancelled have been those redeemed in silver dollars, which up to date amount to $3,317,292.

3. Silver certificates have been issued against the seignorage on the coinage of silver dollars under the act of July 14, 1890.

I would add for your information that the amount of notes issued under the act of July 14, 1890, redeemed in gold and redeemed up to date is $65,424,781.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1894.

Hon. A. Caminetti,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to state that the edition of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals for the calendar

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year 1883, is exhausted. The volume entitled "Mineral Resources of the United States" is not published by this Bureau, but by the Geological Survey, to which your letter has been referred.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1894.

W. E. Morgan, Esq.,
Care of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will report, until otherwise instructed, at the close of business each day, the number of silver dollars counted from Vault "C."

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Ordinary Expense
+ Assayers in charge + U. S. over

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Assay Offices at Charlotte + St. Louis +
Month + April 30, 1894 + + +

May 26, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

+ + + Ordinary Expense
+ Month + April 30, 1894 + +

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + Ordinary Expense
+ Month + April 30, 1894 + +

May 26, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant, I desire to say that all employes detailed from the operative departments of the Mint to the "Storage Roll" should

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be paid, while performing duty in connection with the weighing and counting of silver bars and coin, at the same rate of compensation they were receiving before being so detailed.

The details of the employes mentioned in your letter are approved, to relieve as much as possible the regular appropriation for "Wages of Workmen" of the Mint during the current fiscal year; they can all be classed as Helpers on your pay roll.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 26, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 12	,	.50
Total		,	$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1894.

D. Baasch, Esq.,
Librarian of the Chamber of Commerce,
Hamburg, Germany.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, asking that the Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint for 1891 and subsequent years be sent to the Com- over

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merzbibliothek, Hamburg, has been received, and I have directed that the same be mailed you to-day, as well as the reports of this Bureau on the production of the Precious Metals for 1891 and 1892. Hereafter both these yearly reports will be sent regularly to the Commerzbibliothek.

The annual report of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce will be a very welcome addition to the library of the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1894.

D. W. Smith,
603 West 4th Street,
Wilmington, Del.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th instant in reference to securing an appointment in the Philadelphia Mint, has been referred to the Superintendent of that institution, in whom the law vests the power of appointment.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

A deficiency appropriation of $6,500 for Wages of Workmen of your Mint, fiscal year 1894, was passed by Congress, April 21st 1894, you will therefore, forward requisition,

for the service of the month of June, as usual.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 28, 1894.

Mr. Ottomar Haupt,
28 Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your postal card of the 18th instant, I have caused to be mailed to your address this day two copies of the last report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893. I trust that these copies may carry safely, and regret you did not receive those sent you some time ago.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-four Thousand and Ninety-five $\frac{32}{100}$ Dollars ($74,095.32) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Seventy-six $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($776.02) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-one $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars ($74,871.34), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States

Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 44, dated May 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 29, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month ending April 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 29, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 44, dated May 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 44, dated May 19, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $75,071.18; charges $199.84, and net value $74,871.34. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the

for the service of the month of June, as usual.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 28, 1894.

Mr. Ottomar Haught,
28 Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your postal card of the 18th instant, I have caused to be mailed to your address this day two copies of the last report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893. I trust that these copies may carry safely, and regret you did not receive those sent you some time ago.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-four Thousand and Ninety-five $\frac{32}{100}$ Dollars ($74,095.32) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Seventy-six $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($776.02) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-one $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars ($74,871.34), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States

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Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 44, dated May 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 29, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month ending April 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 29, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 44, dated May 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 44, dated May 19, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $75,071.18; charges $199.84, and net value $74,871.34. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the

United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the month ending April 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Months of May, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del 112	20.00
Total		$ 20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 37	40.00
4 Half Dollars	" 68 + 67	2.00
4 Quarters	" 60 + 69	1.00
Total		$43.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

4 Halves	Dels. 119 + 118	2.00
Total		$2.00

May 29, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department, for Stationery shipped you in April 1894, amounting to $9.42, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

over.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + proper accounting
officers of the Department + bill of the Stationery
division, Treasury Department + Stationery
shipped + March 1894 + $67.01 + +
Contingent expenses + fiscal year 1894.

May 29, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I return herewith your voucher in duplicate, for expenses incurred in your trip from Denver to this City as per instructions from this Bureau, under date of April 11th, 1894. You will observe that in addition to approving the voucher myself I have secured the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to avoid any disallowance that might be made by the accounting officers, on account of irregularities.

On your charge for "Chair car fare" I have added, in pencil, upon duplicate "and porterage" which you should have entered upon both in ink.

I am pleased to learn that your appropriation for Contingent expenses will enable you to pay the entire expense of the trip as the appropriations of the Bureau are nearly exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Hon Thos. C. Catchings,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find statements requested by you to-day. Trusting they may prove of service to you, I remain,

Very truly yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Statement Showing the Per-Capita Circulation of the United States from 1850 to 1890, By Periods of Ten Years.

Periods of Years.	Specie.	Population.	Per-capita.
1850	$ 154,000,000	23,200,000	$ 6.62
1860	335,000,000	31,500,000	10.63
1870	190,000,000	38,600,000	4.92
1880	430,000,000	50,200,000	8.56
1890	1,147,000,000	63,000,000	18.05

Treasury Department, Bureau of the Mint.
May 29, 1894.

Population in 1850 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 23,000,000
Specie in 1850 _ _ _ _ _ $154,000,000
Paper money in 1850 _ _ _ _ $131 millions.
Per-capita circulation of all kinds in 1850 _ _ $12.28

Population in 1860 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 31,500,000
Specie in 1860 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ $314,000,000
Paper money in 1860 _ _ _ _ _ $210 millions
Per-capita circulation of all kinds in 1860 _ _ $16.63

over

Population in 1894, (May) — — — — 68,153,000
Specie in 1894 — — — — — $1,110,000,000
Paper money in 1894 — — — — — $1,174,500,000
Per-capita circulation of all kinds in 1894 — — — $33.52

Treasury Department, Bureau of the Mint.
May 29, 1894.

May 31, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars ($70,613.87) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Twenty-four $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars ($324.85) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($70,938.72), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 45, dated May 26, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Boise City
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Fifteen Thousand
Nine Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{35}{100}$ Dollars ($15,962.35)
+ and Eighty-three $\frac{51}{100}$ + ($83.51) + +
Sixteen Thousand and Forty-five $\frac{86}{100}$ + ($16,045.86)
+ Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise.
+ Memorandum No. 34 + May 26, 1894, + + + over.

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+ + + Assay Office at St. Louis + Mint at Philadelphia + Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five $\frac{14}{100}$ + ($14,985.14) + being the net value of Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office + St. Louis + Memorandum No. 227 + May 28, 1894, + + +

May 31, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 45, dated May 26, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 45 dated May 22, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $71,049.60; charges $110.88, and net value $70,938.72. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested

from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 34, + May 26, 1894, +
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 34
+ May 19, 1894, + + + +
$16,089.16, + $43.30, + + $16,045.86.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 227, + May 28, 1894,
+ + Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 227,
+ May 24, 1894 + + +
$14,990.14; + $5.00 + + $14,985.14.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

May 31, 1894.

W. G. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Assayer in Charge Mint U.S.,
Denver, Colorado.

One hundred thousand dollars placed to your credit at New York to-day.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

May 31, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. 113	20.00
Total		$20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 38	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Halves	Del. 119	1.00
Total		$1.00

May 31, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a light $20 gold piece and I will thank you to return me, by check, the coining value of the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1894.

Hon. W. B. English,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed telegram, which was left by you at this Bureau to-day, I have to state that there is no money available for the payment of repairs to boilers, engines, and other machinery referred to, and the superintendent of the mint at San Francisco has been so advised.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson, be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in Gold Coin, and that the same be placed to

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the credit of the Superintendent, (J. W. Adams) of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-three $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars ($74,363.81) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Three $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars ($203.81) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-four Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($74,567.62), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 46, dated May 28, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 1, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer

of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.--) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco in Gold Coin, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 46, dated May 28, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 46, dated May 24, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $74,729.22; charges $161.60, and net value $74,567.62. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You will please cause to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau as early as practicable, 100 copies of Bronze medal of

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Secretary Carlisle and transmit your account for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del 114	20.00
Total		$20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 39	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	Del. 120	1.00
Total		$1.00

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June 1, 1894.

H. B. Worrell, Esq.,
#555 North 17th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 31st ultimo received, and I have referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that you may be afforded an interview in the case of allegations concerning speculation in the matter of the Spring Garden Street Mint site.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter, under date of the 29th ultimo, from the Public Printer, enclosing a light 20-dollar gold piece, which was forwarded to you on the 31st ultimo, and which according to the information contained in your letter of the 1st instant was worth $18.98, having deducted eight cents for the cost of registration. It appears from the letter of the Public Printer that upon the discovery of a light weight gold piece among the returns made by you to him for waste gold, at his request you remitted $1.25, which you will observe was an excess of 17 cents, after deducting the cost of registration, and which I enclose herewith. You should not have remitted the Public Printer without the light-weight gold coin being forwarded to you, as its coining value could only be determined by you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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June 2, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of June, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 13 ,	.50
Total , ,		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ +	+ May, 1894, +	+
2 Quarters	Del. 76 ,	.50
Total ,	,	$ .50

June 2, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Official bond of James McClure, as Assistant Melter and Refiner of your Mint, was yesterday approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury and has this day been referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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June 2, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Official bond of Frederick G. Foreshaw, as Assistant Assayer of your mint was approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury on the 31st ultimo, and has been referred to the Office of the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 2, 1894.

Hon. T. E. Benedict,
Public Printer,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a light-weight 20-dollar gold piece and $1.25 in silver, with the request that the value of the same be remitted you, I have to state that the gold piece was forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint, and its coining value found to be $19.00. The Superintendent in remitting you $1.25 in compliance with your request to make up for the deficiency in the 20-dollar gold piece, remitted you too much, by twenty-five cents, which I have returned to him. I enclose you herewith my check on the West End National Band for Twenty (20) dollars.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows:

$20,000.- placed with Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York,
5,000.- placed with Commercial Natl Bank, Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1894.

W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) and that $20,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and balance of $5000.- placed with the Commercial Natl Bank at Charlotte.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of May, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 40	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Overton Cade, Esq.
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + June 1894 + +

2 Halves	Del. 121	1.00
Total		$1.00

June 4, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $7,000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June 1894, has been approved for the sum of $30,726.36, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$ 1903.73
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	16000.00
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	2822.63
Parting and Refining Bullion,		5000.00
Storage of Silver Bullion, Act. July 14, 1890,		5000.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted to the following:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + June 1894 + +

+ $ 10,450.00 + + +

Salaries,	1894,	$ 1,450.00
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	6,500.00
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	2,500.00

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

+ + June 1894, + $3,818.62 +

Salaries,	1894,	1750.00
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	900.00
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	1168.62

over.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

June 1894,

$488.40

Salaries,	1894,	$288.40
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	200.00

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

June 1894

$498.47

Salaries,	1894,	$ ———
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	300.75
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	197.72

In making your requisition you failed to make allowance for bills paid at the Department, i.e., 2 Nat'l Ensigns @ $8.60 each, and Dept. bill for Stationery $26.28 a total of $43.48.

June 4, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed

Forward two pieces from each of the following deliveries of silver coins for further examination, namely, number fifty, fifty-one, fifty-five and fifty-six. You will hold these deliveries until further notice.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

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Messrs. B. Westerman & Co.,
812 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please order for the Bureau of the Mint the following publications:-

Spiegel, F., Die sudafrikanische Republik (Transvaal) und ihre Goldproduktion. Berlin 1893.

Wagner, Ad., Die neueste Silberkrisis und unser Munzwesen. Berlin 1894 (Sep.-Ausg. aus den Preufs. Jahrb.).

Arendi, C., Das goldens Zeitalter Ludwig Bambergers. 5 Aul. Berlin, 1893.

Wolf, Jul., Verstaatlichung der Silberproduktion und andere Vorschlage aur Währungsfrage. (Zurich) 1892.

Leiffman, M., Gold, Silber, Papier. Dusseldorf, 1893.

Rochussen, Memoire sur le Bimetallisms international et le moyen juste de le realiser (prime dens le Concours Cerunschi). La Haye 1890.

Lindsay, S. M., Die Preisbewegung der Edelmetalle seit 1850 verglichen mit der der anderen Metalle unter besonderer Berucksichtigung der Produktions- und Konsumtionsverhaltnisse. Bene 1893.

Sewen, M., Studien uber die Zukunft des Geldwesens. Leipzig 1892.

Tabellen sur Wahrungsstatistik, verfafst in k. k. Finanzministerium. Wise 1893.

A Counting House Dictionary, By Richard Bithell, S. Sc. Ph. D., etc.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1894.

David T. Day, Esq.,
Geological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 2nd instant, I have caused to be mailed to Mr. W. L. Bishop, Mineral City Mining Company, Mineral City, Virginia, a copy of the report upon the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for 1892, and will send him a copy of the 1893 report when the same is published.

The name of M. A. Bourdariet, 7 Chiatamone, Naples, Italy, has been placed upon the permanent mailing list of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1894.

C. V. Gerritsen, Esq.,
Deputé Conseiller Municipal,
Amsterdam, Holland.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of May 21st, I have caused to be mailed to your address to-day the last report of this Bureau. Your name has been placed upon the regular mailing list of the Bureau for future issues of its reports.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of June 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del 116	20.00
Total		$20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Instead of advancing you the sum of $197.72 from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, as advised in letter of yesterday, I find upon re-examination that a Department bill for stationery amounting to $16.42 was overlooked, which reduces your balance to $181.30 — the amount actually advanced from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint.

I will thank you, hereafter, to cause all bills paid at the Department to be immediately entered against your appropriations as soon as advice of the payment is received, the same as is your custom in the case of advances received upon your requisitions.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Hon. J. C. Catchings,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 3rd instant, I enclose herewith a pamphlet issued by the Department, entitled "Volume of Money in Circulation". On page 21 of which you will find the per-capita circulation from 1860 to 1891 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1894.

Wm. F. Cole, Esq.,
c/o N. Y. Herald,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, you are informed that the medals struck for the Survivors of the Jeannette Expedition, were delivered to the Navy Department, to which your application has been referred by me.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1894.

Messrs B. Westerman & Co.,
812 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please order for the Bureau of the Mint:-
A. Raffalovich, Le Marche Financier en 1893-1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of June 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. 117	20.00
Total		$20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

May, 1894.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 42	40.00
Total		$40.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

June, 1894.

2 Half Dollars	Del. 122	1.00
Total		$1.00

June 6, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

It is very desirable that you should coin, from $500,000 to $1,000,000 in Half-eagles, during the

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current month, as the stock of coins of that denomination in the Treasury is exhausted.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of May 1894, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq., Daggett
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

\+ + April & May 1894, + +

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

\+ + + + +
\+ April & May 1894, + +

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June 6th 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31st 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + Ordinary expense
+ + Month ending May 31, 1894.

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W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June 1894, has been approved for the sum of $1000.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	400.
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	600.
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	——

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Enclosed please find letter of the President of the United States, removing you from the position of Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to take effect from the appointment and qualification of your successor.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-seven Thousand Four Hundred and One $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars ($67,401.94) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars ($117.39) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars ($67,519.33), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 47, dated June 4, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Charlotte

+ + U. S. Mint at Philadelphia + +
Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-eight $\frac{53}{100}$
Dollars ($18,488.53) + and Forty-six $\frac{92}{100}$ + ($46.92) +
+ + Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred and
Thirty-five $\frac{45}{100}$ + ($18,535.45) + Bullion +
+ Assayer + Assay Office at Charlotte +
Memorandum No. 5 + May 31, 1894, + + +

June 7, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the month ending May 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 7, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 47 dated June 4, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 47 dated May 31, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $67,581.22, charges $61.89, and net value $67,519.33. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your

Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, + June 4, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5,
+ May 31, 1894, + + +
$18,580.13; + $44.68, + + $18,535.45.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

June 7, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending May 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Secretary of the Treasury directs me

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to inform you that Michael Bradley should be restored to duty without any further delay.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of June 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. 118	20.00
Total		$20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the "Herald" for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, amounting to fifty dollars and forty cents ($50.40). The same is payable from your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses", for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1894.

Jewett W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $4,500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$1,500,
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	2,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	1,000.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 7, 1894.

Jewett W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
Engineering and Mining Journal,
253 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 6th instant, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a table showing the approximate distribution by producing States and Territories of the product of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1893, as estimated by this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 7, 1894.

Prof. S. F. Emmons,
Geological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, I take pleasure in sending you herewith copies of the Fiscal Report of this Bureau for the years 1892 and 1893, and the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the calendar year 1892. When the Production Report for 1893 comes from the Printer, I shall send you a copy.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Walter C. Hadley, Esq.,
Albuquerque, N. Mo.

Sir:

Your bill for Collecting and compiling the Statistics of the production of the precious Metals in New Mexico for the calendar year 1893, amounting to $200. has this day been approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement.

In due course of business a check for the amount will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 8, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventy-one Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{89}{100}$ Dollars ($71,175.89) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars ($178.92) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-one Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-four $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars ($71,354.81) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 48, dated June 6, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address: over.

+ + + Assay Office at Helena
+ Mint at Philadelphia + + Twenty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-nine 39/100 Dollars ($24,349.39) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty-two 74/100 Dollars ($142.74) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-two 13/100 Dollars ($24,492.13)
+ Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Helena
+ Memorandum No. 45 + June 6, 1894. + +

June 8, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Merchants National Banks, Helena, Mont. and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Helena
+ One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-)
+ lawful money + + Assistant Treasurer
U. S. at New York + credit + by wire.

+ + + Assay Office at Boise City
+ increased + Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-)
+ lawful money + Assayer in charge + over

Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, Cal
+ credit + by wire.

June 8, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 48, dated June 6, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 48, dated June 2, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $71,500.43; charges $145.62, and net value $71,354.81. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted to:
W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Deposit Memorandum No. 45 + June 6, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 45,
+ May 31, 1894, + + + +
$24,557.43; + $65.30 + + $24,492.13.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

June 8, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of

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your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Merchants Natl Banks, Helena, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted to:
W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ + + + +
One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) +
Assistant Treasurer + at New York +
credit + by wire.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

+ + + Fifty Thousand
Dollars ($50,000.-) + Assistant Treasurer
+ at San Francisco, + given by wire.

June 8, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

over.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + Ordinary and Refinery expense
+ + Month + May 31, 1894.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of June 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 14	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+
4 Quarters	Del. 7 + 72	1.00
Total		$1.00

June 8, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I transmit the account of the "Philadelphia Volksblatt" for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, amounting to thirty-eight dollars

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and forty cents ($38.40). The same is payable from your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses", for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.
+ + account + "Republic" + advertising + eleven dollars and twenty cents ($11.20). + "Contingent Expenses" + +

June 8, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June 1894, has been approved for the sum of $226.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1894, $226.60

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 8, 1894.

Fremantle,
Royal Mint,
London.

Telegram Confirmed.

Please cable correct average fineness South African gold.
Preston.

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R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
Engineering and Mining Journal,
253 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Enclosed is the statement requested by you in your letter of June 7th, for the months of January, February, March and April. The returns for May have not yet been received.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-three $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars ($13,173.99) in Gold Coin, and Seventy-two $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars ($72.78) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-six $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars ($13,246.77) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 35 dated June 7, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 35, dated June 7, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 35 dated May 31, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $13,282.16; charges $35.37, and net value $13,246.79. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing bids for 110 barrels of Melter & Refiner's sweeps, you are authorized to accept the bid of the Chicago & Aurora Smelting & Refining Co., for - $6,524.58.

The bids are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I would thank you to furnish me as early as practicable, with a statement of the uncurrent gold coin received by you during the calendar year 1893. If possible I would be glad to receive the statement by return mail.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, in which you request permission to recommend an increase of six, in the force at your Mint, to take effect after July 1st, I would say that I cannot recommend the increase until after the appropriation bill for the next fiscal year has passed and, even then, if any increase should be granted, they would have to be paid from the appropriation for "Wages of Workmen" and at a per-diem compensation.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your report on the production of the South Appalachian Range, you give on page 5, a table of the product of gold and silver in North Carolina, by Counties. You do not give the product of gold and silver separately for each County, but only give the commercial value at $64,379.06 and the coining value at $70,505.64.

If this table is inserted in the report on the production of precious metals, it is necessary that a statement be furnished me of the amount of gold and silver for each County separately, otherwise it will have to be omitted in the report.

The same remarks apply to table on page 13, of the product of Georgia and on page 17, of the product of Alabama.

I would be glad to have a reply from you if you can furnish this information, by return mail, as the Report will probably be sent to Congress by Monday.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1894.

H. G. Torrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, relative to your recommendations for certain promotions and

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appointments in the Assay Department and asking for a personal interview upon my next visit to New York, in regard to the same, I will state that, at present, I am unable to say, definitely, when I shall be in New York, but possibly in the course of the next two weeks.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1894.

Jas. J. Bryant, Esq.,
#617 North 44th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, to the Secretary of the Treasury, in regard to your application for an appointment to a position in the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau and I would respectfully refer you to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in whom the power of making appointments in that institution is vested, by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:
Jeremiah Eltz, Esq.,
15th St. and Dicks' Avenue,
Paschal Station
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + Secretary +
appointment + Carpenter + Mint
at Philadelphia + + + over.

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John A. Smith, Esq.,
Secretary, Camden N. J. Democratic City Committee,
#832 S. Sixth Street,
Camden N. J.

+ + 5th instant + +
Secretary of the Treasury + + position
of Usher + Mint at Philadelphia + Superintendent
+ + is vested by law.

Mr. Stephen H. Simpson,
Clifton Heights, P. O.,
Delaware Co., Pa.

+ + 6th instant in regard to ap-
pointment of your son to a position + U. S. Mint
Philadelphia + + Superintendent + +

John F. McCutchen,
#2206 North 15th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + 31st ultimo, + President of the
United States + appointment as Chief Engineer
in the Mint at Philadelphia + Secretary +
myself + refer you + Superintendent (Dr. Townsend)
+ + is vested by law.

June 11, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

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June 11, 1894.

O. C. Boshyshell, Esq.,
Late Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary account for the month of May, your attention is called to the following irregularities which I will thank you to explain.

The names of H. J. Brinton, Assistant, Genl Department, William Jeffries, Helper, M. & R's Department and Edward Donnelly, Helper, Coiner's Department, are omitted from their respective rolls. If these men have been removed please furnish dates of letters from the Bureau showing its action.

No Official oaths have not been received at this Bureau in the case of Chas. P. Daly, appointed messenger, vice, Geo. H. Harmstad, removed, and Geo. L. H. Grammer appointed Assistant bookkeeper, vice Wm. J. McComas promoted. These men are both reported on your rolls for pay — the former for seven days and the latter for six. If you have the oaths of these men they should be forwarded at once for

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the use of the Bureau together with any others you may have in your possession, as without them the payments made will have to be disallowed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 11, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of June, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 15	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

April, May & June 1894

8 Half Dollars	Dels. 50, 51, 55 & 56	4.00
2 Quarters	" 73	.50
Total		$ 4.50

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Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Forward two extra pieces from delivery Number sixty-eight, silver, May twenty-second. Hold

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delivery until further orders.

Your silver coin is running very close to the lower limit of tolerance.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

June 11, 1894.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Late Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson.

Sir:

C. D. No. 470, for $36,200.00 being on account of Credit Gold Coin a/c. Asst. Tr. S. F. inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a transfer of funds.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

C. D. No. 471, for $269.04 + Sale of By-products (Copper solution) + 31st ult. + + No personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

Please forward statement of this account.

C. D. No. 472, for $16.00 + Special bullion Assays + 31st ult. + + no personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. Please forward statement of this account.

C. D. No. 473, for $5.25 + Sale of old Material + + 31st ult. + No personal credit

over.

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+ + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. Please forward + of this account.

C. D. No. 475, for $6.68 + Alloy charges + + 31st ult. + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 476, for $765.63 + Parting and Refining Charges + 31st ult. + + personal credit + bullion + + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June 1894, has been approved for the sum of $963.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1894,	$263.70
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	700.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 11, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, requesting

certain blank books, I would state that you have not followed the instructions of the Department as contained in a circular letter dated May 8, 1893, a copy of which was sent you.

You will, hereafter, please follow in every respect the contents of the circular referred to.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1894.

Wm. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters, to the following:

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

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Hon. George C. Perkins,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

In accordance with your request I have this

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day mailed to Gardner & Thornley, 322 Washington Street, San Francisco, California, the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, for the year 1893, and have placed the firm name on my permanent list for future publications.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1894.

Hon. John G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith, for transmittal to Congress, a Report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States, in the Calendar year 1893.

The statistics of the output of the precious metals in the United States and Foreign countries, compiled by this Bureau, are eagerly looked for, not only in America, but in Europe as well. They are cited as authoritative in the discussion of the all-important monetary question, by the press and legislative bodies as well as in Monetary Conferences and Commissions.

In view of this fact, unusual care has been taken in the preparation of the data relating to the World's yield of the precious metals, not only in 1893, but in 1892 and 1891, and I have not hesitated to correct the estimates heretofore made by this Bureau, when greater accuracy could be attained.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, stating that you had created a new office to be known as that of Inspector and had transferred James McLane, the present Custodian, at a compensation of four dollars ($4.00) per diem, and appointed William T. Ramsey, Custodian, vice James McLane transferred to Inspector, you are informed that I prefer not to approve this change until after the first proximo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that advances will be made, as heretofore, on fine bars pending annual settlement of your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, copy of

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a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in reference to the brittleness of the fine gold bars received from your office.

It is clear to my mind that the regular refining charges will have to be collected on these bars, but before giving directions I think it well that you should confer with the depositors of such bars and inform them that unless the bars are refined in such a manner as to make toughening unnecessary, we will be compelled to impose a refining charge.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, stating that you propose to close operations for the fiscal year, on the 20th instant, you are informed that I see no objections, and you are authorized to notify depositors accordingly.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. H. Walker,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

In answer to the inquiries contained in your memorandum of the 11th instant, I send you

over

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the following information. The average price of a fine ounce of silver was as follows in the years named:-

Years.	Average price of a fine ounce of silver.
From 1785-1789	$1.392 +
" 1790-1794	1.364 +
" 1795-1799	1.326 -
" 1800-1804	1.338 +
" 1865-1869	1.311 +
" 1846-1850	1.307 +
" 1851-1855	1.340 +
" 1856-1860	1.350 +
" 1861-1865	1.341 +
" 1866-1870	1.329 +
" 1871-1875	1.294 +
" 1876-1880	1.155 +
" 1881-1885	1.112 +
" 1886-1890	0.978 +
" 1891-1892	0.929 +

The amount of gold coined in U.S. from 1862 to 1879, was, about $554,635,830.50.

A diminution in that period, of:-

1860	$314,000,000
1880	300,000,000
Decrease	14,000,000

The accumulation in India from 1862 to 1879, was $334,078,933.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. Richards & Co.,
#203, Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 8th. instant, you are informed that Paraguay has no gold or silver coins of its own stamping. The Pesos-fuerte in circulation there are those of Ecuador, Bolivia and other South American Republics, and they have the same value in Paraguay as in the States that issued them.

They are estimated by the United States government for Customs purposes, at the market value of the silver bullion they contain, which, since April 1st. last, has been 46 1/2 cents.

I enclose herewith the values of foreign coins as proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury, April 1st., 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1894.

Mr. Edward S. Hensel,
No. 921 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The emblematic Eagle forwarded by you as per advice contained in your letter of the 7th. instant, has been received.

At present I know of no contemplated change in the designs of the United States coins.

No change in design on the subsidiary

of silver can be made for twenty-five years except by express provision from Congress.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1894.

Robert Treat Paine, Esq.,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of June 6th forwarded to this Bureau by the Secty of the Treasury, I inclose herewith a "Statement showing the amount of Gold & Silver Coins and Certificates, United States Notes, and National Bank Notes in Circulation June 1, 1894." I also send you the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1893, and would call your attention to table on pages 49 & 50 in said Report.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-six $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars ($19,546.54) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars ($113.97) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars ($19,660.51) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded

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by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 36, dated June 11, 1894, of Gold Coin deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at St. Louis
+ Mint at Philadelphia, + Ten Thousand
Four Hundred and Forty-three $\frac{73}{100}$ + ($10,443.73) +
+ Eighty-five $\frac{28}{100}$ + ($85.28) + + total
of Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{01}{100}$
+ ($10,529.01) + + Assayer +
at St. Louis + Memorandum No. 228 +
June 9, 1894, + + + +

June 13, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution, with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 36, dated June 11, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 36, dated June 5, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $19,713.52; charges $53.01, and net value $19,660.51. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 228 + June 9, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 228
+ June 6, 1894 + + + +
$10,570.90; + $41.89, + $10,529.01.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

June 13, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-)

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and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1894.

Hon. T. C. Catchings,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

I herewith transmit to you, estimates of the silver stock of the principal countries in 1870 and 1880. The estimates for 1880 were made by Director of the Mint H. C. Burchard, and are to be found in the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1880. The estimates for 1870 have been calculated by myself. I do not claim that they are any more than approximations. No systematic statistics of the monetary stock of the various countries was made until about 1880. Even the latter are only rough estimates, and those of earlier years are, necessarily more a matter of doubt. Those for 1870 are as correct as the data at my command can make them.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

For table see Statement Book No. 2, page 127

June 13, 1894.

Hon. H. C. Londenslager,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 5th I would state

that I have mailed to Mr. Charles E. Sheppard, Bridgeton, N. J. the following Reports of this Bureau: Production of Gold and Silver in the United States, for the years 1891-92 and the Report of the Director of the Mint, for the years 1892-93.

The stock of these Reports for previous years is almost exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1894.

Hon. Thos. C. McRae,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request, I have this day mailed to Rev. W. H. Armstrong, Macedonia, Ark., the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1893.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1894.

Hon. Daniel Ermentrout,
#534 Washington Street,
Reading, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, you are respectfully informed that the appointment of Mr. H. D. Matthew, to a position in the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, has not been sent to this Bureau for approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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N. Wohlfelder, Esq.,
#146 Randolph Street,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, you are informed that the weight and standard fineness of the coins of various countries of the world, also their value, as compared with United States coins, you will find on page 143-147, Vol. 2, Johnson's Cyclopedia.

The bullion value of foreign silver coins is determined by the price of silver.

Gold is received for the purpose of coinage at the Mints, but silver is received for return in fine bars only.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-one Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-eight $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars ($71,828.78) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eighty-six $\frac{89}{100}$ Dollars, ($186.89) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-two Thousand and Fifteen $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars ($72,015.67) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge

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of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 49, dated June 12, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 14, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 49, dated June 12, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 49, dated June 8, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $72,123.19; charges $107.52, and net value $72,015.67. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find bill in duplicate, of the San Francisco Evening Post for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your Mint during

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the fiscal year 1895, payable from your appropriation for Contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 14, 1895

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find bill, in duplicate, of the New Orleans Times Democrat for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your mint during the fiscal year 1895, payable from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 14, 1895.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to-day approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement a bill, in duplicate, of the New York Press Co., amounting to $180.00 for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your Office during the fiscal year 1893.

As your balance pertaining to the fiscal year 1892, from which the amount was properly

payable was only $130.67, this amount was paid thereon with recommendation that the balance $49.33 be provided for from an appropriation hereafter to be obtained.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 14, 1894.

Augustus St. Gaudens, Esq.,
#148 West 36th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I would be glad to be advised by you, as to when we may expect the model of the reverse of the World's Fair Medal. The exhibitors are making constant inquiries as to when they will probably receive their medals and the Department would like to be in a position to give them the desired information.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith for additional information several blank forms transmitted in your letter of 14th instant.

Please return them as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of June 1894, has been approved for the sum of $23,476.10, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$3,137.60
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	13,938.50
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	6,400.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 15, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $5000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 15, 1894.

Robert H. Condrey,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:-

The Report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the Calendar year 1893, is now in the hands of the printer. Will mail a copy to your address soon as published.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:
Henry W. Farnam,
New Haven, Conn.

June 16, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Banks.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at St. Louis
+ increased + Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-)
+ lawful money + Assayer in charge with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) + your credit + Assistant Treasurer + United States at St. Louis.

June 16, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Please forward immediately Statements of Deposits and Purchases - Forms 60, 61 and 62 for the month of May, 1894.

It is desirable, in the future, that these statements be prepared so as to reach this Bureau not later than the tenth of the month following for which they are rendered.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies for the use of your Office during the Fiscal year 1895, submitted in your letter of the 14th instant, are hereby approved:

Acid.– Nitric,	140 lbs.	commercial	$ 12.70
"	10 lbs.	C. P.	1.50
Muriatic,	10 lbs.	C. P.	1.40
Asbestos,– 1 sheet	40 X 40	1/4 inch thick	2.80
Bone Ash,	15 lbs.	best quality	1.35
Borax, 1 Bbl.	300 lbs.	Refined and Powdered	30.50
Bottles, (wash)	12 assorted	800 to 1200 C.C.	6.00
Bunsen Burners, 6,	6 inch		1.80
Coal, Hard Nut,	4 tons		29.00
Stove	4 "		29.60
Puma Soft	10 "		52.50
Copperas	25 lbs.	Commercial	2.00
Crucibles Blk. Lead,	2 inch,	12 for	1.20
" "	3 "	12 "	1.20
" "	3 1/2 "	12 "	1.80
" "	5 1/2 "	12 "	4.56
" Nests Batt.	A. to G.	7 – 100 "	25.20
" "	A. to F.	6 – 300 "	55.00
" "	Triangular	U & V 4 – 100 –	16.00
" Porcelain,	24, 1 3/4 inch	$4.08, 24 sts to 1 1/2 inch 30	7.08
" Covers	2 inch	48 –	4.80
" "	3 "	48 –	4.80
" "	5 "	50 –	7.00
Flasks, Bohemian Glass	3 to 4 oz.	48 –	5.76
– –	2 oz	12 –	1.20
Forceps, Steel	4 1/2 inch	Nickel plated 6 –	1.20
– –	6 –	– – 2 –	60

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Lead, in sheets Test	10 lbs.		$ 1.50
Moulds, Iron,	3 @	—	2.25
Pinchcocks, Molers, 3 sizes	6 @		.72
Plates, Russia Iron	concave		3.24
Rubber Tubing 1/2 inch	(best white)	20 yds.	9.60
" " 3/4 "	(" ")	20 Ft.	4.00
Roasting Dishes, 5 inch	48 @		3.50
" " 7 "	48 —		8.80
Scorifiers, Batt 2 inch	100 —		4.65
" " 3 1/2 "	40 —		.96
Stirrers, Blk. Lead, 14 and 18 inch	12 —		3.00
Tongs Prs. 12 inch	2 —		60
" " 18 "	2 —		80
" " Steel 3 feet	2 —		2.00
Triangles wire, 3 sizes	3 Doz		90
— Pipe stem covered	3 sizes	1 Doz.	50
Wood, Oak and Pine,	20 Cords		53.80

A penalty bond for the prompt execution of the contract should be required of each of the contractors.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 16, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 16, 1894.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
#74 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, you are informed that the estimate of the world's output of silver in 1893, was, approximately, 5,002,294 kilograms, of the commercial value of $125,419,400 and the coining value of $207,895,400.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, requesting to be informed as to payment of Account for transportation of Minor coins re-issued, you are informed that this Account will be paid at the Treasury Department from a special appropriation for the Transportation of Minor Coins re-issued.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith for your inspection, and

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report, a half dollar apparently of the coinage of your Mint. I particularly call your attention to the reading on the edge. The coin is light, but otherwise, appears to be genuine.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, in relation to the appointment of Jeremiah McCarthy as Assayer's Computation Clerk, you are informed that this appointment cannot be made without the nomination in writing of the Assayer.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending May 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 18, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies, for the use of your Mint during the fiscal year 1895, are hereby approved:-

Acid - Nitric C. P.	, per lb	,	$ 0.15 1/2
" " Coml	, —	,	.07 7/8
" Sulphuric C P	, —	,	.11 1/2
Alcohol 95%	, per gal.	,	2.15
Borax Refined	, per lb	,	.08 45
Charcoal	, per bbl.	,	.19 1/2
Coal Soft Pittsburg	(per ton of 2,000 lbs.)	,	3.50
Coke Connersville	(per bbl of 100 lbs.)	,	.34 1/2
Coin bags $1000 7¢ $500 4¢ $250 3¢ + $100 2¢.			
Crucibles Black Lead	, per number	,	.02 1/2
Crucible Covers, ,	, per number	,	.01
" Dippers ,	, Each ,	,	.50
Stirrers ,	, — ,	,	.50
Dry Goods Brown Sheeting	(9 Quarters)	,	.20
Cheese Cloth	per yard	,	.02 1/4
Holland Linen	"	,	.20
Linen Crash	"	,	.17
Linen Tape	per doz. bunches	,	.25
Linen Thread	" "	,	.45
Ticking	, per yard	,	.14
Towels	, per doz.	,	3.00
Ice ,	, per 100 lbs.	,	.40
Matches ,	, per gross	,	.65
Mitts , Buck	, per doz.	,	12.00
Nitre , Double refined	, per lb.	,	.06 1/8
Oils: , Lard	, per gal.	,	.63

Oils —	Valvine Cylinder	, per gal.	, $ 0.34
	Diamond Spindle	, "	, .39
Soap	, Borax	, per lb.	, .07½
Wood:	Split Ash	, per cord	, 5.70
	Fat Pine	, "	, 5.00
	Pine Knots	, "	, 4.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 18, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

Herewith please find enclosed a bill in duplicate, of the New York Press Co., for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your Office during the fiscal year 1895, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Office for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 18, 1894.

Hon. O. L. Spaulding,
Hotel Varnum,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with your verbal request, I enclose herewith, a statement showing the average monthly price of silver from July 1890, to June 16th, 1894.

In reply to your request to be referred to the

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several Acts affecting silver since 1872, I forward you by to-day's mail, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal year ended June 30, 1893, and refer you to pages 88, 89 and 90.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1894.

Hon. E. O. Leech,
Park Avenue Hotel,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Leech:-

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, I will say that, as yet, I have received no intimation of the contemplated removal of George Kent.

I will do all I can to have him retained.

Very truly yours,
R. E. Preston.

June 18, 1894.

Hon. W. A. Peffer,
U. S. Senate,

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, requesting that a copy of my report on the production of gold and silver in the countries of the world, be sent to Hon. Albert Griffin, Topeka, Kansas, you are respectfully informed that I will place his name on the list of those to whom reports will be sent and will forward the same to him as soon as received from the printer.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Albert Foxall, Esq.,
Cashier, Russell State Bank,
Russell, Kans.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of June 6th, enclosing a quarter, supposed to be counterfeit, I would say that, in my opinion, the piece is genuine. It was struck at New Orleans, in 1892, just after that Mint began subsidiary coinage and the defects you mention are due to lack of experience and were soon corrected, though not until many of these defective pieces were put in circulation.

The coin is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1894.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Co.,
Taunton, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, requesting to be informed why no crucibles were ordered from your firm during the current fiscal year, I will say that your letter was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans for report, and he has returned it to this Bureau with the statement that the necessities of the Mint required no purchase of crucibles at any time during the current year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1894.

Henry E. Rhodes, Esq.,
Editorial Rooms,
N. Y. Tribune.

Sir:

In reply to your Postal you are informed that the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States and other countries will be sent you as soon as received from the printer.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1894.

Hon. John G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for railroad transportation be furnished Messers B. F. Butler and F. W. Braddock, of this Bureau, from Council Bluffs to Ogden and return, and from Ogden to San Francisco and return, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses (examination of Mints, etc.), of the Office of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the

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U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the month ending May 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 19, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending May 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find two dollars ($2.) for which I will thank you to return to Hon. C. A. Swanson, House of Representatives, two Silver dollars, coinage of 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of June, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

8 Eagles	Dels. 120, 121, 122, & 124	80.00
2 Halves	" 17	1.00
2 Quarters	" 16	.50
Total		$81.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

10 Halves	Dels. 75, 76, 77, 80 & 81	5.00
2 Dimes	" 79	.20
4 Quarters	" 74 & 78	1.00
Total		$6.20

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

6 Quarters	Dels. 123, 124 & 125	1.50
Total		$1.50

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of May & June 1894, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

June 19, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday approving awards for supplies for your mint during the fiscal year 1895, I desire to cancel my approval in the case of the following articles, pending your explanation for departing from the custom of awarding contracts to the lowest bidder.

You have awarded the contract for Nitric Acid, C.P.

to G. H. Lyons & Co. at 15½¢ per pound instead of Findlay and Brunswig at 13⅞¢. In the case of Crucibles the contract has been awarded to R. J. Taylor & Son, at 2½¢ per no. while the bid of the Phoenix Mfg Co., was only 2 1/10¢. In the matter of soft coal you have awarded the contract to W. G. Coyle at $3.50 per ton, whilst you have two bids from Jno. Grote at a less price, i.e., $3.20 and $3.30 per ton. If the difference in quality is very much in favor of the Pittsburgh coal it should have been shown in your letter. In fact any departure from the rule of awarding to the lowest bidder, must be explained in the letter submitting your action.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 19, 1894.

Hon. J. E. Benedict,
Public Printer.

Sir:-

I will thank you to allow the bearer, Mr. B. F. Butler, to temporarily withdraw from my Report on the Production of the Precious Metals for 1893, the table on the World's production and which will be returned to your office this afternoon.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1895.

Hon. A. B. Wright,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In compliance with your request in your letter

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of the 6th instant, addressed to the Hon. Daniel N. Morgan, Treasurer of the United States, for information showing "the receipt of gold from California, either yearly or by decades since its discovery there." I enclose a statement showing the production in that State by years, as nearly as possible to obtain it, in the time you mention.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1894.

Hon. C. R. Breckinridge,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 15th inst., I have mailed to R. B. Wilson, Esq., Russellville, Ark., the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1893.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1894.

Hon. Josiah Patterson,
House of Representatives

Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 15th, I would state that the Report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the Calendar year 1893, is now in the hands of the printer. Will mail a copy to the address of S. J. Couch, 58 & 60, Main street, Memphis, Tenn. soon as published.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. W. A. Peffer,
U. S. Senate,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., I would state that the Report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the Calendar year 1893, is now in the hands of the printer. Will forward you a copy, as well as one to the address of Hon. Albert Griffin, Topeka, Kansas, soon as published.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1894.

Hon. John F. Lacey,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst., I would state that the limited supply of Coinage Laws, of this Bureau, is exhausted. I think they can be obtained from the Committee on Coinage Weights and Measures.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount

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in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month ending May 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + Ordinary and Refinery expense
accounts + Superintendent + Mint at
New Orleans, La. + month + May 31, 1894,
+ + required by law.

June 20, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer

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of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.--) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the month ending May 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + Ordinary and Refinery
+ Month + May 31, 1894, + + +

June 20, 1894.

Mr. Eugene Townsend,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for the information of yourself and the Melter and Refiner, a copy of a letter received from the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver in relation to

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imposing refining charges on the "Omaha and Grant" fine gold bars, and will thank you to give me as early as practicable, your views thereon.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of June 1894 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. 125	,	20.00
Total	,	,	$20.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Halves	Del. 82	,	1.00
Total	,	,	$1.00

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following awards made by you, for supplies required by the Mint at San

Francisco, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, are approved:

Black Lead Crucibles–Dixons–No's 14 & up,	per 100 No's	$ 3.17
" " " "	Small sizes No. 4 per Crucible	.24
" " " " " " "	5 " "	.27
" " " " " " "	6 " "	.30
" " " " " " "	8 " "	.35
" " " " " " "	10 " "	.40
" " " " " " "	12 " "	.45
Black Lead Covers, Dixons,	No's 18 & above per 100 No's	.73
Black Lead Dippers, "	Medium size per Doz.	4.80
" " " "	Large size per Doz.	5.50
Black Lead Stirrers "	" "	4.80
Castor Oil	per gallon	1.15
Boiled Linseed Oil	" "	.60
Resin	per lb.	.01½
Buckskin Gloves, No. 86 XXXX	" doz.	12.50
" " No. 512	" "	10.50
" " Driving " 45	" "	10.50
" " Ladies " 70	" "	10.25
" " " 174	" "	9.50
Dogskin Gloves " 1068	" "	8.00
" " " 3650	" "	9.50
" " " 3481	" "	10.50
" " Genuine California No. 267 XX	" "	12.50
Brimstone Roll	per. lb.	.02½
Crucibles French Clay	each	.21
Redwood Split	per cord	6.20
Charcoal	per ton 2000 lbs.	13.48
Redwood 4 x 4	per cord	5.98
Brushes No. 40 Clinton Nail,	per Doz	5.25
" " 8 White Floor,	" "	11.45
" " 3 White Dust	" "	4.45
Brooms " 1 XXX	" "	2.45
Dusters " 16 Gray Turkey	" "	3.45

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Dusters	No. 16 Black Turkey	per Doz	$ 4.45
Mops	" 12 Cotton	" "	1.92
Pails	Fibre	" "	3.75
Pails	Galv. Hoop Cedar		2.45
Sponges	Large Sheeps Wool	per lb	1.85
Castile Soap	White	" 100 lbs.	8.75
Tallow	Refined	" lb	.06 3/4
Salt	per ton 2000 lbs.		5.50
Ammonia	Conc. Sol	" "	.12
Borax		" "	.08
Beeswax	pure yellow	" "	.28
Nitre	Double Refined	" "	.07
Twine	48 B. C	" "	.15
Twine	48 B	" "	.18
Ammonia	Muriate lump	" "	.12
Sublimate	Corrosive	" "	.72
Soap	Toilet	per doz	.50
Soap	" Flake White	" "	.68
Soap	Cucumber	" "	.80
Brick	Fire Cowans per 1000		42.50
Castings		per. lb.	.03 1/2
Coke	San Francisco Gas	per ton 2000 lbs.	7.49
"	English	" " 2000 "	8.23
Benzine		per gallon	.16 1/2
Iron	Norway	Base per lb	.03 1/2
"	Refined	" " "	.01 9/10
Lead	Sheet	per lb	.06 1/4
"	Pipe	" "	.05 3/4
Leather	Lace	per side	2.25
Quicksilver		per Flask	38.00
Waste	Cotton	per 100 lbs.	8.40
Lard Oil	Pure	per gallon	.66
Patash	Babbitts	per case	3.65
Filtering Cloth, 8/4 Pequot		per yard	.15 1/2
Brown Muslin 4/4 Ashland		" "	.03 1/2

Russian Crash		per yard	$ 0.06 1/2
Crash Toweling.	Nos 2 to 9 inc	per yard .06 1/2 to	.11 1/2
Stark Duck	7 oz	per yard	.09
Blankets	4 lb. Rockhill	per pair	1.05
Acid Nitric	38' Baume	per 100 lbs.	4.00
" Sulphuric	63' "	" 100 lbs.	.90
" "	66' "	" 100 "	1.10
Filtering Cloth	10/4 Pequot	per yard	.19
Woodbury Duck	No 10	" "	.15
Arctic Duck	10 oz		.12 1/2
Pepperill Brown Drill		" "	.06 1/2
Brown Indian Head Muslin	4/4	" "	.06 1/2
White Rubber Gauntlets		per Doz.	18.50
Acid	Nitric C. P.	per lb.	.20
"	Sulphuric C. P.	" "	.20
"	Muriatic C. P.	" "	.20 3/8
Bone Ash		" "	.03 3/8
Matrass		per doz.	2.25
White Lead	in oil	per lb.	.06 1/4
Litharge		" "	.06 1/4
Coal Oil	150'	per gallon	.18
" "	110'	" "	.12
Sperm Oil	Pure	" "	.84
Turpentine		" "	.45
Varnish,	Black Asphaltum	" "	.47
Blankets,	California Woolen Mills, gray,	per pair	1.75
Coal,	Anthracite Wilkes Barre Egg		9.27
"	Screened	per Ton 2000 lbs.	7.79
"	English Channel	per Ton 2000 lbs.	7.79
"	West Hartley	" " 2000 "	7.79
Wood –	Oakwood	per cord	6.73

Referring to the award of Cumberland coal at $11.60 per ton, before approving the same I desire to be advised of your reasons for selecting Cumberland coal at this rate in preference to Anthracite

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coal at much lower rates. I would say in this connection that Anthracite coal is used at the Mint at Philadelphia and the Assay Office at New York, and I can see no reason why it should not be used by you, as it is certainly cheaper than Cumberland Coal.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In order to enable me to answer an inquiry of the Department, I have to request that you will ascertain what it will cost to ship silver dollars from New Orleans to Nicaragua, say to Bluefields and Managua, in large amounts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

New York to Nicaragua

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

June 20, 1894.

Messers. B. F. Butler and
F. W. Braddock.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to San Francisco, Cal. and Carson City, Nevada, for the purpose of being present at the

deliveries in the settlements between the operative officers and the Superintendents of the Mints in those Cities, at the close of the current fiscal year.

You will note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered and ascertain the amount of the precious metals wasted by each officer during the year. If the wastage should be unusual or excessive, you will ascertain, as far as practicable, the cause thereof.

You will weigh the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendents except such silver dollars and silver bullion as are stored away in vaults under the seal of the representatives of this Bureau. The dollars and bullion under seal will not be disturbed and you will report as on hand, the amount called for by the certificates under seal on the doors of the vaults where the dollars and bullion are stored.

You will render a report, upon your return, on your examination.

On the way to or from San Francisco, you are authorized to stop off at Denver, Colo. and inspect the methods of business at the Denver Mint.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties, will be paid upon the presentation of your account with proper vouchers.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

Hon. D. D. Donovan,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 16th instant,

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I have mailed to the address of George Dazey, Esq. Pleasant Bend, Ohio, the Reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1888-93 inclusive. The stock of Reports for previous years is almost exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

James W. Ellsworth, Esq.,
Phoenix Building,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:-

Upon consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, it has been decided that unless your Commission is willing to pay the expense of the recoinage of the $570,880, in Columbian Half-dollars, which were never shipped from the Mint at Philadelphia, the Treasury will issue them.

The cost of recoining those now in the Mint at Philadelphia, will be $1,712.64.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

Mr. J. H. Smith,
Claybrook, N. C.

Sir:

In reply to inquiries contained in your letter of the 19th instant, I would state that the percentage of loss by wear in a silver dollar would depend entirely upon the rapidity of its circulation, and the use it had while in circulation.

It has been estimated, however, that silver

coin in actual circulation will lose in twenty years, from 2 to 3 1/2 per cent.

I enclose herewith Public Debt statement which will give you assets and liabilities of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

Hon. Joseph Carey,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo, enclosing a letter from Mr. Henry G. Hay, President of the Stock Growers' National Bank, with regard to the failure of this Bureau to give Wyoming credit for the precious minerals produced in the State, I have to request that you will furnish me with the name of some responsible person whom I can employ to collect the statistics of the production of precious metals in that State, hereafter, so that credit may be given it for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1894.

Robert Beall, Esq.,
#459 Penna. Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Please advise me as to the cost of the complete report of the Berlin Monetary Conference. I would like to purchase it if we have sufficient money for this year, to do so, but I do

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not wish to incur any deficiency.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($70,439.03) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars ($261.12) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($70,700.15), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 50, dated June 18, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Assay Office at Helena + Mint at Philadelphia + Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Seven $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars ($77,307.76) + Eight Hundred and Seventy-six $\frac{77}{100}$ + ($876.77) + + total of Seventy-eight Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-four $\frac{53}{100}$ ($78,184.53) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Helena + Memorandum No. 46 + June 9, 1894 + + + + + + +

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June 21, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 50 dated June 18, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 50 dated June 13, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $70,815.77; charges $115.62, and net value $70,700.15. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:
W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Deposit Memorandum No. 46 + June 15, 1894 +
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No 46 +
June 9, 1894 + + +
$78,386.83; + $202.30, + + $78,184.53.
+ + + + +

June 21, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of yesterday making inquiry in relation to your order for an additional Gas Melting Furnace, I have to say that the

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same has been forwarded with instructions that the bill be rendered to date subsequent to July 1st. prox. because of the small balance remaining in your appropriation for the current year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 21, 1894.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
late Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 21, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Purchase of carpets and sale of old authorized as requested in letter thirteenth instant.

R. E. Preston,
Director.

Telegrams Confirmed

June 21, 1894.

W. E. Morgan,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

I will be at the Mint tomorrow morning.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint

June 21, 1894.

Hon. H. M. Teller,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

The report of Gold from July 1, 1893, is as follows:

July 1893	$174,682 –	Jany 1894	1,284,208
Aug. "	949,502 –	Feby "	3,211,352
Sept. "	1,439,339 –	March "	4,021,265
Oct. "	511,018 –	April "	11,724,752
Nov. "	325,288 –	May " *	23,551,275
Dec. "	2,656,614 –	Total	49,849,295

* U. S. Coin only, from the port of New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 21, 1894.

Col. O. C. Boobyshell,
Late Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
#914 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:–

Under date of May 18th 1893, a communication was addressed to you as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, enclosing a copy of a telegram from Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer, President, Board of Lady Managers, World's Columbian Exposition, requesting that the first five (5) the four hundredth (400th.) the fourteen hundred and ninety-second (1492nd.), and the eighteen hundred and ninety-second (1892nd.), be kept separate from the others. It happens that no certificate for the same was forwarded by you to the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Chicago as was done in the case of the corresponding numbers of the Columbian Half-dollars struck.

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Mrs. Palmer now requests that a certificate be furnished her by this Department and as you are probably the only person able to give it, I have to request that you will make out a certificate as to each coin and forward the same to this Bureau for transportation to that lady.

I am aware of the fact that this a rather odd request to make of you at this late date, but I presume there will be no objection on your part to giving it.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1894.

Hon. Josiah Patterson,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find a table giving the highest and lowest price per ounce of fine bar silver in New York, and the bullion value of a United States Silver Dollar each month, from 1890 to 1894 inclusive as requested by you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find bill, in duplicate, of the San Francisco Examiner for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of

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your Mint during the fiscal year 1895, payable from your appropriation for contingent expenses fiscal year 1894.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

June 22, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of June 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 H. Eagles	Del. 126	10.00
2 Quarters	" 18	.50
Total		$10.50

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

6 D. Eagles	Del 43, 44 & 45	120.00
Total		$120.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

4 Quarters	Del. 126 & 127	1.00
Total		$1.00

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June 22, 1894.

Eugene B. Braden, Esq.,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The President of the United States having appointed you, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to the position of Assayer-in-charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, and having issued to you a Commission as such, bearing date of the 15th instant, I enclose herewith the necessary blank bond, together with blank affidavits of surety, to enable you to qualify to perform the duties of the office.

Your bond will be executed in the penal sum of $50,000, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, and forwarded to this Bureau for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

To avoid delay by reason of irregularities your attention is specially called to the instructions contained in the marginal notes of the enclosed blanks.

As soon as your bond is approved by the Secretary of the Treasury your Commission will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

June 23, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver,

to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-eight Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-two $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars ($78,372.83) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Twenty-six $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars ($326.11) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars ($78,698.94), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 51, dated June 20, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Helena + Mint at Philadelphia + Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty $\frac{35}{100}$ + ($18,880.35) + One Hundred and Twenty $\frac{82}{100}$ + ($120.82) + + Nineteen Thousand and One $\frac{17}{100}$ + ($19,001.17) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Helena + Memorandum No. 47 + June 21, 1894 + +

June 23, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 51, dated June 20, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 51, dated June 15, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $78,884.68; charges $185.74, and net value $78,698.94. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested

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from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted to:
W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.
Deposit Memorandum No. 47, + June 21, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 47,
+ June 16, 1894, + + +
$19,050.39; charges $49.22, + + $19,001.17.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

June 23, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 22nd instant the name of Anthony Coll has been withdrawn from the list of suspended appointments in this Bureau and the same is regarded as cancelled.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 23, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
late Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 488 for $2521.69, being on account of

unexpended bal. of Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 15th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted to same address:

C. D. No. 489 for $1129.50 + unexpended bal. of wages of workman of your Mint 1894, + + 15th instant + + personal credit + Ordinary + + of the above appropriation.

C. D. No. 490 for $583.53 + Salaries of your Mint, 1894, (unexpended bal.) + + 15th instant + + personal credit + Ordinary + repayment + of the above appropriation.

C. D. No. 491 for $1093.93 + unexpended bal. of Parting & Refining funds + 15th inst. + + personal credit + Parting & Refining + repayment + of the above appropriation.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 20th instant, it was the cost of shipping silver dollars from New Orleans to Nicaragua that was desired, and not from New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

The force at my disposal in this Bureau being too small to conveniently spare any one to be present at the Annual settlement at New Orleans on the 30th. instant, I shall be pleased if you will designate some experienced employé from your Office who can be spared for the service. Please advise me at an early date whether you can spare any one, and if so, the name of the person, that the necessary order may be prepared.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 23, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in reference to the brittleness of the ingots made from the Omaha & Grant fine gold bars.

The difficulty with these bars is that they contain notable quantities of iron. I was at the Mint in Philadelphia yesterday and saw the bar referred to by the Weigh Clerk, and the brittleness of it was self evident.

It is necessary that a refining charge be imposed upon these bars or a deduction made

sufficient to protect the Melter's and Refiner's account at Philadelphia, from loss. If, however, the Omaha & Grant Co., will guarantee their bars in the future to be free from iron, I am perfectly satisfied to continue to receive them as heretofore.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

A bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department, for stationery furnished for the use of your Mint, has been presented to this Bureau for payment. I will, therefore, thank you to cause $3.60 to be deposited to meet the payment, as your entire balance pertaining to the appropriation for Contingent expenses has been advanced to you. In this connection your attention is called to the advisability of saving a balance of this appropriation for the payment of accounts for the transportation of supplies for your mint during the year, if any are outstanding of which you have knowledge.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 23, 1894.

Hon. D. H. Mercer,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, you are

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informed that I have sent Mr. E. L. Looy of Omaha the report of the Director of the Mint on the Production of the precious metals for the calendar year of 1892, from which he can obtain the information desired. As soon as the report of 1893 is received from the printer a copy will be sent to Mr. Looy.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1894.

Mr. J. Hector,
The Southern Counties Asylum,
Dumfries, Scotland.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 11th instant, I forward by to-day's mail, a copy of the fiscal report of the Director of the Mint for the year ending June 30, 1893, on page 163 of which you will find the information asked for.

The report on the production of Gold and Silver during the calendar year of 1893 is now in press, as soon as printed a copy will also be forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1894.

Mr. Augustus St. Gaudens,
#148 West 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The reverse of the World's Fair medal forwarded by you per registered mail, has been received. I am sorry that you did not send this

by Express as it was slightly but immaterially damaged in the mails.

I shall submit the model to the Secretary on his return on Monday and to the Committee on the Quadro-centennial as soon as I hear from the Chairman.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1894.

Mr. John N. Woodside,
#924 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I received your card that you had left at Dooner's for me on Tuesday night, and expected that I would reach Philadelphia that evening, but I did not leave here until Thursday, and I was so busy yesterday that I did not have time to call and see you, which I regret very much.

I received a few days since from St. Gaudens, a new design for the Reverse of the medal, which I shall submit to the Secretary on his return Monday, and to the Senate Committee on the Quadro-centennial as soon as I hear from the Chairman.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Hibbard B. Worrell,
#555 North 17th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would have called on you yesterday, but all

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of my time was taken up at the Mint. I have nothing new to report but am satisfied that the matter will be all right in the course of a week.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending May 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted to same address:

+	+	+ Ordinary expense
+ Assayer in charge		+ Mint at Denver, Colo.
+ Month + May 31, 1894,		+ + +

June 25, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
late Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the month ending May 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:

over

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer Mint U. S.,
Denver, Colorado.

Ordinary Expense

Month May 31, 1894,

June 25, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of June 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	Del. 19	1.00
2 Quarters	" 20	.50
2 H. Eagles	" 127	10.00
Total		$11.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 D. Eagles	Del. 46	40.00
2 H. Dollars	" 83	1.00
Total		$41.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quarters	Del. 128	.50
Total		$ .50

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of June 1894, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

June 25, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, asking to be informed whether in your estimates for 1896 you are to make any changes from last fiscal year (1895), I will say that you are to make no changes unless you are satisfied that the Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses can be reduced.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, California.

Representatives of the Bureau leave this evening for San Francisco, to witness annual settlement of your Mint.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me by return mail when you will be ready for the Representatives of the Bureau to commence weighing and counting the bullion and coin, incident to the annual settlement of your office.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1894.

Mr. Cabell Whitehead,
Assayer, of the Mint Bureau.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed and authorized to proceed to the Mint at Philadelphia, to witness the weighing and count the bullion and coin delivered by the Operative Officers, to the Superintendent in settlement.

You will note the character of the bullion delivered and in case of excess of wastage, you will endeavor to ascertain the causes thereof. You will count the moneys in the hands of the Cashier

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and Metal Clerk and ascertain that the same agrees with the books.

Of course it is understood that you will not be required to take any part in the weighing of silver bullion or silver dollars which were receipted for by the present Superintendent, subject to count, as this is now being done under the supervision of Mr. Morgan. While engaged in this service your necessary expenses will be paid upon the rendering an account, accompanied by proper vouchers.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1894.

Mr. Henry B. Childs,
Care of Childs, Groff & Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I would say that I estimate the production of gold in 1849 as $37,000,000, although it is possible that it was $40,000,000; $40,000,000 being the estimate by Professor Raymond.

According to Dr. Soetbeer the eminent German statistician, the annual average production from 1840 to 1850 was 36½ million dollars. From 1851 to 1855, $132,500,000.

Professor Raymond's estimate for the product of the mines of the United States for 1850, is $50,000,000, and 1851, $55,000,000.

The figures on page 179 of the report are those that have been published for a series of years, and have been accepted with a good deal of allowance,

as there was no systematic method pursued in estimating the product of our own country or of the world until about the beginning of 1856. The World's product which is given on page 95 in the 3rd Edition of the Coinage Laws as $27,000,000 is an error, and should have been stated at least $37,000,000. According to the estimates of this Bureau, the World's production of gold in 1893 was $155,522,000 and of silver $208,371,000.

To arrive at the cost to the Government of the silver contained in silver dollars, we take the average cost of the silver on hand at the date the dollars were coined. No account is taken of the cost of coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1894.

Mr. J. E. Rumsey,
#195 Park Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

I have to reply to queries contained in your letter of the 22nd instant, as follows:

First, It is possible that M. S. Beakley of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, can give you some information as to the number of medalettes struck off May 1st. 1893 in the Government Building, Chicago.

Second, There are none now nor never were any of these medalettes in the Treasury. I am unable to say where you could procure one.

Third, Isabelle quarters can be obtained

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from Mrs. Potter Palmer, Chicago, Illinois, at $1.00 each.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. E. T. Platt,
General Manager, U.S. Express Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date, offering to transmit gold bullion from Boise City to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $3.00 per thousand, from and after the first proximo, you are informed that your offer is accepted until further notice.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will forward a memorandum covering shipments Nos. 52 and 52½ made by the Assayer in Charge at Denver, Colo. on the 22nd instant, as early as practicable, as it is desirable to have the transfers made during the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

The following award of supplies required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, are hereby approved:-

Fire Clay Co.,-

30	Plumbago Crucibles,- Dixon #10,-	each	$ 0.55
15	" " " #20,-	"	.90
300	Battersea "J" Crucibles,-	"	.16 2/3
50	" "K" "	"	.20
50	" "L" "	"	.30
200	Plumbago Stirrers	"	.30
300#	Nitrate of Potash	at	.12 per lb.
300#	Borax Glass	"	.40 " "
10#	Cyanide of Potassium	"	35 " "
25	Battersea "A" Crucibles	"	.03 each
200#	Boneash,-	"	.05 per lb.
200#	Test Lead,- Chem. pure,-	"	.14 " "
3	Doz. Battersea Annealing Cups,-	"	1.05 per doz.
(?) 4	only 32 oz. Flasks,-	"	.30 each
24	Muffles,- 8 X 12 X 5 1/2,-	"	1.25 "
2	Cupel Moulds,-	"	2.75 "
2	Pr. Muffle Tongs,-	"	1.00 "
(?)- 3	only, Glass Funnels,- 6 in	"	.30 "
8	Carboys Nitric Acid,- Chem. pure	"	.15 per lb.

Coke:-

Colo. and Iron Co.,-

40 Tons Coke at $ 5.75 per Ton.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 22nd instant is received and in compliance with your request I will arrange to have the Treasurer of the U. S., telegraph you the amounts of transfers covering shipments Nos. 52 and 52½.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I will thank you to hand the enclosed communication to Mr. John T. Kent, Assayer's Computer's Clerk in your Office, whose name you furnished me as a competent person to witness the annual settlement of the Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

June 26, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find bill, in duplicate, of the "Charlotte Observer", for printing advertisement

for proposals for supplies for the use of your Office during the fiscal year 1895, payable from the appropriation for wages and contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 26, 1894.

John T. Kent, Esq.,
Assayer's Computation Clerk,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to New Orleans, La., for the purpose of being present at the deliveries in the settlements between the operative officers and the Superintendent of the Mint in that City, at the close of the current fiscal year.

You will note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered and ascertain the amount of the precious metals wasted by each officer during the year. If the waslage should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain, as far as practicable, the cause thereof.

You will weigh the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendent except such silver dollars and silver bullion as are stored away in vaults under the seal of the representatives of this Bureau. The dollars and bullion under seal will not be disturbed and you will report as on hand, the amount called for by the certificates under seal on the doors of the vaults where the dollars and bullion are stored.

You will render a report, upon your return,

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on your examination.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties, will be paid upon the presentation of your account with proper vouchers.

It is desirable that you will leave New York in time to reach New Orleans by July 1st.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1894.

Hon. J. D. Sayers,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

Acknowledging your reference of House Bill No. 3512, with the report of the Committee on Claims, and asking to be advised as to the facts shown by the records of this Department, and as to whether the passage of the Bill is recommended, I have to respectfully reply as follows:-

That the claim of Dr. James C. Booth, Melter and Refiner of the United States Mint at Philadelphia for $1,841.87 is based upon the payment by him of that sum, the same being the cost value of 1.980.12 standard ounces of silver stolen in the winter of 1884-'85 while technically in his custody, from the fact of his having receipted for the same; his responsibility, however, was only technical for the reason that no provision had been made by the Government for the safe custody of the silver bullion delivered to the Melter and Refiner, by providing necessary vault room. It was, therefore, stored in the Court-yard of

the Mint and thus exposed to depredations, a circumstance over which the Melter and Refiner had no control. When called upon, however, to make good the deficiency charged to him, it was done without any demur whatever, and the account closed on the books of the Mint.

All the circumstances of the case, with the full technical bearing, were related by the Director of the Mint in the fiscal report for 1885, pages 14 and 20, and again in a detailed statement which was submitted under date of April 27, 1886, to the Chairman of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives.

The Director of the Mint, - Dr. J. P. Kimball, - in his report for the fiscal years 1885 and 1886 as well as in the statement furnished the Committee on Claims, urged the favorable consideration of Dr. Booth's claim for re-imbursement as an act of simple justice to an efficient and venerable officer, as he had held his position for nearly forty years.

During the fiscal year of 1885, - that in which this bullion was stolen, - the Melter and Refiner, - Dr. Booth, - operated upon - 28,936,069.91 standard ounces of silver bullion with an apparent wastage of 3,541.93 ounces, including the stolen bars above named while the amount allowed him for actual wastage was only 1,561.81 ounces.

In conclusion, I would add that the passage of the Bill for the relief of Dr. Booth's heirs would be simply a matter of justice.

I enclose herewith, for the information of the Committee, a copy of the report made to the Chairman of the Committee on Claims

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of the House of Representatives, under date of April 27th. 1886, by Dr. J. P. Kimball, as Director of the Mint, on this claim.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1894.

A. L. Walker, Esq.,
Manager, Baltimore Electric Refining Co.,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 25th. instant, I forward you by to-day's mail, a copy of "Instructions and Regulations" governing the transactions of business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States. There is no charge for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayer's in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise and Helena, for the month ending May 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:
W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

June 27, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary account for the month of May, I will thank you to explain voucher 73, for Nitric acid and Borax, both of which are charged at an excessive rate. Your contract for the former being 16¢ per lb. C.P. and for the latter 12¢ per lb. while in this voucher the acid is billed at 22¢ and the borax at 13¢ per lb. Has your contractor failed you, or was the amount contracted for in each case, inadequate to meet your necessities? I will also thank you to explain the necessity for employing a laborer, in addition to the Chinaman, at a salary of $45. per month, and why the same

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of the person appointed was not submitted for the approval of the Bureau, before assigning him to duty.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 27, 1894.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
late Supt Mint U.S.,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers,- for the Months of April & May for the Fourth Quarter 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 28, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars ($15,482.43) in Gold Coin, and Twenty-seven $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars ($27.65) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and Ten $\frac{08}{100}$ Dollars ($15,510.08), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 6 dated June 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

June 28, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for the Month ending May 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

June 28, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 6, dated June 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6, dated June 21, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $15,546.97; charges $36.89, and net value $15,510.08. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I send you by Express to-day the plaster models prepared by Mr. Barber, Engraver of your Mint, for the reverse of the World's Columbian Exposition Medal No. 1 of which has been accepted by the Secretary of the Treasury.

You will please deliver the models to Mr. Barber with the request that he will engrave the dies without delay.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find $1.91, for which I will thank you to forward me by return mail, one silver and minor coin proof set, coinage current calendar year.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8574 for $132,000, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 27th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury - personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as Profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Enclosed please find a bill, in duplicate,

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of the Colorado Evening Sun, for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your mint during the fiscal year 1895, payable from your appropriation for Contingent expenses 1894. You will observe that the bill has been corrected from $9.12 to $7.44, payment of the latter amount being authorized.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 28, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary expense account for the month of May I will thank you to explain voucher No. 4 pertaining to same, covering freight charges on one box of ore from Washington. In its present shape the account cannot be approved as it is difficult to imagine under what circumstances your Office could be required to make such an expenditure. I therefore feel compelled to suspend it pending your reply.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

June 28, 1894.

Messers H. Clay Stier and
A. A. Hassan,

Gentlemen:

You are authorized and instructed to proceed to New York, for the purpose of being

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present at the deliveries in the settlement between the Melter and Refiner and the Superintendent of the Assay Office in that City at the close of the current fiscal year.

You will note the character and quantity of the various classes of bullion delivered and ascertain the amount of the precious metals wasted by the Melter and Refiner during the year. If the wastage should be unusual or excessive you will ascertain, as far as practicable, the cause thereof.

You will weigh the coin and bullion in the possession of the Superintendent. Should he return a surplus of bullion you will ascertain as nearly as possible, from what source the same was derived.

Upon the completion of the settlement you will make an accurate examination of the bars of gold and silver and other money in the possession of the Superintendent for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has on hand the amount of public money with which he is charged. Upon the completion of your duties you will render a report in writing.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of these duties will be paid upon the presentation of your account with proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be

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made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ninety-three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-four $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($93,384.48) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Ninety-one $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars ($391.23) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ninety-three Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{71}{100}$ Dollars ($93,775.71) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 52, dated June 27, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + Mint at Denver, Colo.
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{37}{100}$ + ($2,375.37) + Eleven $\frac{19}{100}$ + $11.19 + total of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-six $\frac{56}{100}$ + ($2,386.56) + Bullion + Assayer + Mint at Denver + Memorandum No. 52½ + June 27, 1894 + + +

+ + + Assay Office at Boise
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Thirty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-three $\frac{97}{100}$ + ($35,973.97) + Two Hundred and Eighteen $\frac{94}{100}$ + ($218.94) + total of Thirty-six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{91}{100}$ + ($36,192.91) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise + Memorandum No. 37 + June 25, 1894 + + +

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 52, dated June 27, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 52, dated June 22, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $93,931.76; charges $156.05, and net value $93,775.71. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

over.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 52½ + June 27, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 52½
+ June 22, 1894 + + +
$2,386.56; + + $2,386.56.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 37 + June 25, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 37
+ June 16, 1894, + + +
$36,292.09; + $99.18, + $36,192.91.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the design submitted by the Engraver of your Mint, for the reverse of the World's Columbian Exposition Medal, and I will thank you to give instructions for a die for the same to be engraved as early as practicable in order that there may be as little delay as possible in striking the medals.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1894.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram Confirmed

Send per registered mail to-day a set of silver and minor proof coins, 1894.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

June 29, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Enclosed please find bill, in duplicate, of the "Daily Nevada Tribune" for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your mint during the fiscal year 1895, payable from your

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appropriation for contingent expenses of the fiscal year 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

June 29, 1894.

Hon. H. M. Teller,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:-

The delay in answering your letter of the 22nd instant arises from the fact that it was mis-directed by you to Denver, and it has, consequently just reached me.

The net export of gold since January 1st, 1894, has been $57,982,629.

I enclose herewith a statement showing the exports and imports of gold, from July 1st 1893, to May 31st. 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 29, 1894.

John W. Woodside, Esq.,
#924 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Yours of the 28th instant is received. Mr. Barber is to take hold of the reverse of the design for the World's Fair Medal, and will finish it in the shortest time consistent with good workmanship.

I hope to be in Philadelphia during the coming week.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

June 29, 1894.

W. F. Bowen, Esq.,
Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to New Orleans, La. to assist Mr. J. T. Kent, in weighing and counting the bullion and coin outside of the sealed vaults, on hand at the Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary expenses will be paid upon your rendering an account accompanied by proper vouchers for the same.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find check for $10.91 in payment of 100 Bronze Medals of Secretary Carlisle and one Silver and Minor Coin proof set.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of

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the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month ending May 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 2, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find a check for five dollars ($5) in payment for five silver dollars requested by telegraph to-day.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1894.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward per registered mail to-day five silver dollars, coinage 1894. Check by mail.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed.

July 2, 1894.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

The representatives of this Bureau are detained at Ogden on account of no trains running.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 2, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8578 for $326.75, being on account of Sales of old Material, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as Proceeds of Sales of Old Material.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 8579 + $44.— + +
Special Assay fees + + 30th ultimo

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+ + personal credit + +
accounts + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 8580 + $5468.61 + +
Parting + Refining Charges, collected during the Month
of June 1894, + 30th ultimo +
+ personal credit + Refinery accounts
+ + to the credit of the appro-
priation for Parting and Refining bullion.

C. D. No. 8581 for $225.17 + Alloy Charges
+ + 30th ult. + +
personal credit + Bullion accounts +
+ Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Similar letters except as noted to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

C. D. No. 182 for $5.17 + Alloy Charges
+ + 30th ult. + +
personal credit + Bullion accounts +
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 183 + $262.28 + Parting
and Refining Earnings, collected at your Mint
during the Month of June 1894 + 30th ultimo
+ + personal + Refinery accounts
+ to the credit of the appropriation for Parting
and Refining Bullion.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

C. D. No. 1017 for $13.67 + Sales

over

of Old Material + 30th ultimo +
+ no personal credit + + accounts
+ + Treasury as Sales of Old Material.

Similar letters to same address:

C. D. No. 1018 + $266. + Special
Assays of bullion + 30th ultimo +
+ no personal credit + accounts
+ + as a miscellaneous receipts.

C. D. No. 1019 + $3,063.62 + Sales
of By-products + 30th ultimo
+ + no personal credit +
accounts + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 1020 + $288.82 + Alloy Charges
+ + 30th ultimo + personal credit
+ Bullion accounts + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 1021 + $20,162.38 + P. & R.
Charges, collected during the month of June '94,
+ + 30th ultimo + +
personal credit + Refinery account +
+ to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

W. J. Packett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

C. D. No. 3502 for $3.60 + unexpended
balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses
of your Mint fiscal year 1894 + 27 ultimo
+ + personal credit +
Ordinary accounts + as a
repayment to the credit of the above named appropriation.

Similar letters except as noted to:

over.

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W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

C. D. No. 322 for $71.81 + Deduction for Assays Bullion + 29th ultimo + + personal credit + Bullion + + Deduction on deposits of bullion.

Similar letters except as noted to same address:

C. D. No. 323 + $124.03 + Gains on Assays, fiscal year 1894 + 29th ultimo + + personal credit + bullion + + Gains on Assays of bullion 1894.

C. D. No. 324 + $419.95 + Gains on Collections for fiscal year 1894 + 29th ultimo + + personal credit + Bullion + + as deduction on bullion deposits.

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W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo in relation to the suspension of your Ordinary account for May, I have to say that your explanation of Voucher No. 4, of the account is satisfactory and that the account will be approved as rendered.

To avoid delay in future I will thank you, when a bill is paid by you that needs explanation, to submit the explanation with the account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 2, 1894.

Eugene B. Braden, Esq.,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo and I would say that your bond has been referred for certification and the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. As soon as it receives the approval of the Secretary your commission will be mailed you.

As you have not yet entered upon duty you are not in a position to submit an appointment, that I can approve, but should the Cashier resign as you understand he intends doing you can appoint his successor on the day you enter upon duty and have him take the oath of Office on the same day, and forward both the appointment and oath for the approval of the Bureau. When the same is approved it will be from the date of his official oath, which will prevent all embarrassment.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 3, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont., be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that

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the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Intended for New York erroneously addressed Phila. "See Page 384"

Sir:-

In future all deposits of gold coin made by you with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in exchange for fine gold bars, will be taken up and treated by you as a transfer from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the U. S., and whenever gold

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coin is required by you to pay for deposits, your bullion fund will be increased by a transfer of coin.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York and advice of credit given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho + Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) + lawful money + + Assayer in charge + Assistant Treasurer + New York + advice of credit given by wire.

July 5, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your

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institution be increased by a trasfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York and advice of credit given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

+ + + Fifty Thousand
Dollars ($50,000.-) + your credit +
Assistant Treasurer + New York.

July 5, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

The following awards for supplies for the use of your Office during the fiscal year 1895, are hereby approved:-

Acid Acetic, C. P.	$ 0.07 per lb.
" Nitric, C. P.	0.08½ " "
" Muriatic C. P.	.07½ " "
" Oxalic C. P.	.25 " "
" Sulphuric 66° B	.01 " "
(and to pay 10¢ per 100 lbs for crude acid).	
Alcohol	2.35 per gall.
Alkalene	0.05½ per lb.
Ammonia	.07 " "
Adjusting weights &c.	50.00 per year.
Barrels	.24 each.
Bone ash N. & R.	.04 per lb.
" " Assayer's	.06 " "

Borax	$0.07,69 per lb.
Brick, Fire, A. No. 1	32.00 per M.
Brooms, Ordinary	2.98 per dozen.
" Whisk	1.75 " "
Bruches, Scrub	1.75 " "
" Whitewash	11.75 " "
" Dust	4.60 " "
Carting Refuse	1.15 per load
Charcoal	.32 per bbl.
" Pulverized	3.00 " "
Clay, Fire	2.00 " "
Cotton waste	.08 " lb.
Coal, Cumberland	4.50 per ton
" Broken Egg	4.73 " "
Copper Plates	.09,2 per lb.
Crucibles B. L.	.01,48 per No.
Crucible Covers	.00 1/5 per No.
" Dippers	.13 each.
" Stirrers	.13 each.
Crucibles, Sand	9.00 per 100.
" French and Covers	.30 each.
Ice	0.25 per 100 lbs.
Iron Castings	.02 3/4 per lb.
" Plates	.02 1/2 " "
" Moulds	.03 1/2 " "
" Kettles	.03 1/2 " "
" Shovels	10.00 per dozen.
" Furnace Bars	.02 1/2 per lb.
Lead, sheet	4.13 per 100 lbs.
" pipe	4.49 " 100 "
" pure foil	.11 3/4 per lb.
" White	.05,38 " "
Lumber, White Pine, planed	70.00 per M.
" " " not planed	67.50 " "
" Yellow Pine	38.00 " "

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Lumber, Shelving	$ 40.00 per M.
" " (common)	33.00 " "
" Spruce Scantling and Boards	30.00 " "
Matches, Gates' blue	.80 per gross
Nails, Iron	2.49 per Keg.
" Copper	18.00 " "
Oil, Linseed (raw)	0.56 per gall.
" " (boiled)	0.59 " "
" Lard	0.46 " "
" Paraffine	.10 " "
Pails, common	2.00 per dozen.
" Cedar copper trimmed	27.00 " "
Paper, Filtering, White	0.72 package
" " Grey	0.66 "
Potassium, Cyanide	0.57 per lb.
Savogran	.06 " "
Soda, Bicarbonate	.03 3/4 " "
" Nitrate	.02,46 " "
Soap, Sapolio	4.95 per box
" Colgate's best Brown	6.90 " "
" Ivory	6.95 " "
Spelter	0.05 per lb
Turpentine	.40 per gall
Tubs, Cedar	6.50 each.
Varnish, Japan	.65 per gall.
Wood, Kindling	30 per sack.

(For each empty sack not returned 8¢ is charged).

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C.D. No. 7 for $25.89, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriations for Salaries and Wages of Workmen of your Mint fiscal year 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of your appropriations for 1894 as follows: Salaries $6.80, Wages of Workmen $19.09.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:
W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

C.D. No. 3507 for $12.60 + unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses + 1894 + + 30th ultimo + + personal credit + Ordinary accounts + as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

C.D. No. 3508 for $1.00 + unexpended bal. of appropriation for Wages of Workman of your Mint 1894, + 30th ultimo + + + personal credit + Ordinary accounts + + as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

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July 5, 1894.

T. P. Cleaves, Esq.,
Clerk, Committee on Appropriations,
U. S. Senate.

Coinage operations were suspended at Carson Mint June first eighteen hundred and ninety-three and have not been resumed since.

The services of all persons employed in the Coining Department including the Coiner and Assistant Coiner as well as those employed in the Melter and Refiner's Department paid from the regular appropriation were dispensed with; also two workmen employed in the Assayer's Department, and nine in the General Department paid from "Wages of Workmen", also the following for whose salaries specific appropriations were made:- Abstract Clerk, Registrar of Deposits and Assayer's Clerk.

No coinage was executed at the Carson Mint during the fiscal year ended June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

The value of the gold deposited at the United States Assay Office in Helena, Montana, for the calendar year eighteen hundred and ninety-three was one million four hundred and ninety-five thousand, six hundred and sixty-one dollars and at the Assay Office at Saint Louis, Missouri, for the year, two hundred sixty-two thousand, three hundred ninety-one dollars; for the first five months of the present calendar year the value of the gold deposited at Helena was six hundred and ninety thousand dollars, and at Saint Louis, seventeen thousand dollars.

The work of the Assay Office at Helena is much heavier than that of the Assay Office at Saint Louis.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 5, 1894.

A. G. Sullivan, Esq.,
Editor "Empire of Finance and Trade"
#70 & #76 Trinity Place,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant you are informed that all silver dollars now coined at the Mints are coined under the Act of July 14, 1890.

The coinage of silver dollars during the current calendar year has been limited to proof pieces at the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1894.

Preston H. Leslie, Esq.,
U. S. Attorney,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo you are informed that Mr. Braden has been advised that he can appoint Mr. Luke as "Cashier" the day he enters upon duty as Assayer in Charge.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. S. Daugherty, Esq.,
Room #508 Kiam Building,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant I regret to inform you that I am unable to give you the amount of the silver coinage executed at the Mints of India since the suspension of coinage for individuals.

No import duty has, as yet, been imposed upon silver imported into India.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo. be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution, with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram Confirmed.

One hundred thousand dollars will be subject to your official check at New York tomorrow.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 6, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $37,997.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1895,	$ 3,415.00
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	24,082.00
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	6,000.00
Parting & Refining bullion,		1,500.00
Storage of Silver Bullion Act July 14, 1890,		3,000.00

The joint Resolution as passed extends appropriations of last fiscal year for 30 days of the current year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + July 1894 +

+ + $11,208.00 + + + over.

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Salaries,	1895,	$2,626.
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	6,082.
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	2,500.

The joint Resolution as passed extends appropriations of last year to cover 30 days of the current fiscal year.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

+ + + July, 1894, +
+ + $6,286.00 + +

Salaries,	1895,	$ 3226.00
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	2260.00
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	800.00

Appropriation as Resolution passed is for thirty (30) days.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + July 1894 +
+ + $2256.00 + + +

Salaries,	1895,	$ 900.
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	1130.
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	226.

The joint Resolution as passed extends appropriations of last year to cover 30 days of the current fiscal year.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + July 1894, + $484.93, +

Salaries,	1895,	$ 287.67
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	197.26

The joint Resolution as passed + to cover 30 days +

July 6, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $7,000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 6, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies, made by you for the use of your Office during the fiscal year 1895, are hereby approved, viz:-

Acid, Nitric, C.P.	$ 0.19 per lb.
Alcohol, Wood	1.60 per gall.
Bone Ash, No 2.	.05 per lb.
Borax, Crystalized	.07½ per lb.
Coal, (Rocksprings)	7.25 per Ton.
Crucibles, B. L. 10 doz No. 1, at	15.00 for the lot
" " " 6 " " 2 "	15.00 " " "
" " " 5 " " 3 "	12.00 " " "
" " " 5 " " 4 "	12.00 " " "
" " " 6 " " 6 "	15.00 " " "
" " " 4 " " 8 "	15.00 " " "
" " " 4 " " 10 "	15.00 " " "
" " " 3 " " 12 "	15.00 " " "

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Crucibles, B. L. 2 doz. No. 20 at		$ 12.00 for the lot.
" " " 2 " " 25 "		15.00 " " "
" " " 2 " " 16 "		0.75 each.
" " " 2 " " 18 "		0.85 "
Crucible (B. L.) Lids 1/2 doz. No. 20 at		1.00 for the lot.
" " " " 1/2 " " 25 "		1.00 " " "
Crucible (B. L.) Stirrers, 1 doz. at		.25 each
Gasoline,		3.00 per case
Lead pure, in bars		0.07 1/2 per lb.
Nitre,		.12 per lb.
Soda, Bicarbonate		.08 " "

Please find bids and bonds returned herewith. Such bonds as were filed by parties whose bids have not been accepted, will, of course, be returned; all others will be retained by you as a guarantee for the faithful performance of contract.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, in regard to the approval of your contracts for supplies, I would state that pending the approval of the same, you will purchase such supplies as you may require during the current fiscal year, from the parties to whom the awards have been made.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

My letter of the 3rd instant was intended for the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York and erroneously addressed to you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 15th ultimo requesting that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of $100,000 in Gold Coin, and that the same be forwarded to you by Express, I have to state that the Department would much prefer that you make payments for gold deposits by check on San Francisco.

Gold Coin will be placed to your credit, from time to time, with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S., at San Francisco to enable you to make these payments.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In future all deposits of gold coin made by you

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with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in exchange for fine gold bars, will be taken up and treated by you as a transfer from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the U.S. and whenever gold coin is required by you to pay for deposits, your bullion fund will be increased by a transfer of coin.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant in relation to approval of awards made by you I have to say that the omission of Lard Fierces and Cooperage from my letter of the 5th instant was an oversight. The award as made is approved.

In the matter of the National Lead Company's bid of $3.10 per 100 pounds for old lead, I would say that the approval of the Company's bid for sheet lead at $4.13 per 100 pounds, was considered as equivalent to approving the whole of its bid and you should hold the Company to its offer for old Material, unless better terms can be obtained from other dealers.

The price for furnace bars, at $.02 1/2 per pound, is a clerical error and should read 2 1/4 cents

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant requesting to be furnished with two Ensigns for the use of your Office, you are informed that the same has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that they will be allowed, payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 7, 1894.

Leigh R. Freeman, Esq.,
Anacortes, Washington.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, you are informed that the value of fine gold in a one-dollar gold piece is 100 cents; the alloy, be

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it either copper or silver, is not considered of any value whatever.

Section #3511, of the Revised Statutes of the U. S. provides that the gold coin shall be 9/10 pure metal and 1/10 alloy.

Section #3514, R. S. provides that the alloy of the gold coins shall be of copper or of silver but that the silver, in no case, shall exceed 1/10 of the whole alloy.

Repeated assays of our gold coins show sometimes, but very seldom, a small trace of silver. The methods for the separation of gold and silver have reached such a state of perfection, both at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States as well as at the private refineries, that there is seldom more than a trace of silver found in gold refined at these institutions.

The alloy in our gold coins forms no part of their face value being placed there simply to harden the metal and to prevent its too rapid loss by abrasion. Fine gold is much too soft for active circulation and would lose by abrasion very rapidly.

The alloy of our silver coins is of copper.

I forward you by to-day's mail a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1893, on pages 83 to 94 of which you will find a brief and concise history of coinage and currency legislation in the United States.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

F. Cuebas, Esq.,
#81 New Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 8th instant, I forward you by to-day's mail three (3) copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint upon the Production of the Precious Metals for 1892. The Report for 1893 is now in press and as soon as they are ready, copies will be forwarded you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1894.

C. E. Olney, Esq.,
Marysville, Washington.

Sir:-

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 14th ultimo, I forward you by to-day's mail, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1893, in which you will find a synopsis of coinage legislation from 1792 to date.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made

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from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventy-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars ($74,779.91) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars ($762.59) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-five Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-two $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($75,542.50), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont., as shown by Memorandum No. 48 dated July 5, 1894 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + + U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho + Mint at Philadelphia + Twenty-four Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-one $\frac{36}{100}$ + ($24,221.36) + One Hundred and Forty-four $\frac{70}{100}$ + ($144.70) + Twenty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{06}{100}$ + ($24,366.06) + + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise City, + Memorandum No. 38 + July 5, 1894, + +

+ + + U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. + Mint at Philadelphia + Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{41}{100}$ + ($8,447.41) + Sixty-six $\frac{04}{100}$ + ($66.04) + + Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{45}{100}$ + ($8,513.45) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. + Memorandum No. 229 + July 5, 1894, + + + +

July 9, 1894.

William D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 48, dated July 5, 1894 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 48 dated June 23, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $75,745.97; charges $203.47, and net value $75,542.50. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 38 + July 5, 1894 +
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 38
+ June 23, 1894 + + +
$24,432.49; + $66.43, + $24,366.06.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Saint Louis, Mo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 229, + July 5, 1894 +
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 229
+ June 27, 1894 + + + +
$8,541.90; + $28.45, + $8,513.45.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 21st ultimo, explaining irregular awards for supplies made by you, I have to say that your explanations are regarded as satisfactory and the awards stand approved as advised in my letter of the 18th ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 9, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3513 for $1.68, being on account of unexpended bal. of appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 2nd instant, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $390.41, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1895,	$ 226.03
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	164.38

The Resolution passed by Congress, extending the appropriations of last year, covers only 30 days of July.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 9, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following awards, recommended by you in your letter of the 26th ultimo are hereby approved, viz:

Coal – Rocky Fork to Gilchrist Bros. @ $6.00 per ton.
Wood – to Louis Hebert @ 4.00 per cord.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 9, 1894.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Braden's bond approved and commission forwarded to-day.

R. E. Preston,
Director.

Telegrams Confirmed.

July 9, 1894.

Eugene B. Braden,
Helena, Montana.

Your bond approved by the Secretary to-day. Commission forwarded.

R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 9, 1894.

Cabell Whitehead,
C/o U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward by mail to-day statement showing

over

amount of gold and silver respectively, operated upon by the Melter and Refiner and Coiner during fiscal year ended June thirtieth, Eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 9, 1894.

Eugene B. Braden, Esq.,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your bond having been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the Office of the First Comptroller for file, I herewith enclose your Commission; upon receipt of same you can at once arrange with your predecessor when it will be mutually agreeable to make the transfer. Before entering upon duty you will subscribe the usual oath of office and forward same to this Bureau.

Your predecessor having already made requisition for funds for the service of the month, if you will advise me by wire of the date you take charge of the Office, I will cause the advance to be made to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following awards made by you for supplies for the use of your Mint during

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the fiscal year 1895, are hereby approved:-

Acid, Muriatic, C.P.	$ 0.07 7/8	per lb.
" " 21° B.	.01	" "
" Nitric C.P.	.08 7/8	" "
" " 40° B	.03 3/4	" "
" Sulphuric (Oil Vitriol) 66° B	.79	per 100 lbs.
" Tartaric	.22 1/2	per lb.
Alcohol, 95%	2.40	per gall.
" Methylic	.79	" "
Barrels (Whiskey) for sweeps	1.15	each
Bar sand	1.10	per load
Baskets (Charcoal)	21.50	per doz.
" " (2 Bu)	15.75	" "
Belting, single 2 inch.	.0782	per foot
" " 2 1/2 inch.	.102	" "
" " 3 inch.	.1224	" "
" " 4 inch.	.17	" "
" " 4 1/2 inch.	.1904	" "
" " 5 inch.	.2142	" "
" " 5 1/2 inch.	.238	" "
" " 6 inch.	.2584	" "
" " 7 inch.	.306	" "
" " 8 inch.	.3468	" "
" Double, 2 1/2 inch.	.1944	" "
" " 4 inch.	.3244	" "
" " 5 inch.	.4082	" "
" " 6 inch.	.4925	" "
" " 7 inch	.5832	" "
" " 10 "	.8359	" "
" " 12 "	1.0044	" "
" " 16 "	2.08	" "
" Coupling 1/2 "	1.60	per doz.
" " 3/4 "	3.60	" "
" Lacers 1/2 inch 7 & 4 feet long	.80	per 100 feet
Benzine	.13 1/2	per gall.

Bone Ash,	$ 0.05 3/4 per lb.
Borax, fused,	.27 " "
" Double refined	.08 " "
Brass, sheets,	.13 " "
" Roll,	.13 " "
" Pipe,	.17 " "
" Oilers,	2.10 to $2.55 per doz.
Bricks Fire No. 1 & 1/2	26.00 & 23.50 per M.
" Paving	15.00 per M.
" Stretcher	15.00 per M.
Brooms, Corn, ass't'd.	2.62 per Doz.
Brushes, Hand dusters No. 3,	6.49 " "
" " " No. 5,	3.95 " "
" Flue sweeps, 12 inch	8.25 " "
" Feather dusters, 12 "	6.50 " "
" Paint fitches and pencils	.78 " "
" Painters dusters	6.24 " "
" Scrub No. 25 W.G.	.90 " "
" Varnish Ex. XX No. 3	5.45 " "
" Whitewash Ex. No. 10	8.50 " "
Buckets, Cal. iron, 3 galls.	2.50 " "
" Plain, 3 galls.	2.23 " "
Candles, Stearic,	.11 1/4 per lb.
Cement, Portland,	3.00 per bbl.
Clay, Fire, No. 1,	1.65 " "
Coal, Hand-picked and screened	4.60 per Ton. (2240 lbs.)
" Stove	4.70 " "
" Pea	3.00 " "
Charcoal, Pine	.20 per bu. of 28 lbs
" Oak	.02 per lb.
" Pulverized	.01 1/2 " "
Copper, sheets, rolled,	.139 " "
" Bars,	.139 " "
" Oilers,	3.95 per Doz.
" Rivets,	.49 to $0.58 per 100 60% off.

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Copper, Belt-hooks,	$0.50 to $1.60 per 100 75% off.
" Wire,	.14 per lb
Crucibles, B. L.,	.02 1/4 per No.
Crucible covers,	.01 " "
" dipping cups	.50 each.
" stirrers,	.50 "
" stools,	.60 "
" rings,	.85 "
Dry-Goods, Duck 8 oz.	.11 per yard
" " Muslin,	0.04 3/4 to 0.05 4/10 per yd.
" " " unbleached,	0.16 per yard
" " Ticking,	.06 1/10 to .0698 per yd.
" " Gingham,	.04 7/10 per yard.
" " Crash,	.08 " "
" " Sponge cloths,	.40 per gross
" " Blankets,	2.25 per pair.
" " Linen, Grey,	.17 to .18 1/2 per yd.
" " Huckaback,	.19 5/8 per yd.
" " White stay binding	.30 per box.
" " Thread Raleigh's white	.75 per lb.
" " " Spool, black	.38 per doz.
" " Twine, Hank & Ball	.20 per lb.
" " Cotton Cord 1/4 inch	.19 " "
" " Cotton laps	1.15 per doz.
" " Needles, Sharps No. 4,	1.32 per 1000.
Filtering paper	5.75 per ream
Gasoline	.17 per gall.
Gloves, Men's No. 2	5.50 per Doz.
" Women's No. 2	3.74 " "
Hardware Axes,	.60 to $1.00 each.
" Boxwood Rules, 2 ft.	1.80 to $2.25 per doz.
" Brads, wire	.03 to .07 per lb.
" Bolts ass't'd.	.75 to $8.75 per 100
" Blank Keys for Mortice locks,	.75 to .85 per Doz.
" Butts ass't'd. (Loose joint)	.05 to .14 per pair.

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Hardware, Butts, ass't'd (Fast joints) — $0.07 to .11 per pair.
" Brass Malleable Iron fittings — .20 per lb. 53% off.
" Castors, Philadelphia sets, — — .07 to .15 per set.
" Cloth, Emory, — — — .39 per Quire
" " Crocus, — — — .39 " "
" Drills ass't'd (List price), — — — 60% discount.
" Emory paper, No 00, — — .13½ per Quire.
" Files stub 6 inch, — — 1.30 per Doz.
" " saw ass't'd. — 1.00 to 2.00 per Doz.
" " mill saw, — .60 to 1.65 per Doz.
" " Hand Bastard, 14 inch, — 3.50 per Doz.
" Handle (File) for stubs, 6 inch, — 2.75 per gross
" " (Tool) ass't'd. — — .23 to 1.75 per Doz.
" Hammers ass'l'd. — — — .25 to .75 each.
" Hatchets, half, No. 2, — — — .35½ each.
" " " Lathing — — — .35½ "
" Hinges, strap & T. — — — .20 to 1.75 per Doz.
" Hooks, Hat & Coat — — — .06½ to $5.50 per Doz.
" Knobs, Walnut wood, — — 1.40 per Doz.
" " Door — — — 1.35 " "
" Keys, Yale Lock, — — — .18 each.
" Locks Yale Drawer, — — 6.95 per Doz.
" " " Closet, — — 6.65 " "
" " " ass't'd Closet &
Drawer, — — .36 to $3.00 per Doz.
" " " ass't'd. for Doors, 1.25 to $4.50 " "
" Nails, cut, — — — 1.25 to $2.15 per Keg.
" Rasps ass't'd., — — 1.26 to $5.07 per Doz.
" Rings do — — .20 per lb. 60% off.
" Rope, Copper wire, ass't'd, — .07 to .11 per foot.
" Sieves, Iron & Brass — 6.60 to $12.00 per Doz.
" Shovels, Fire & Scoop. Nos. 4 & 6, — 5.40 to $8.00 " "
" Steam & Gas pipe, Large, (List price) 70% off.
" " " " " Small " " 60% off.
" Screws, ass't'd Iron & Brass — .08 to .75 per Gross.

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Hardware, Jacks, ass't'd. — — $0.17 to $1.00 per Doz.
" Trowels, Bricklayer's — — .75 to .85 each.
" Washers, — — — — .03 1/2 to 10¢ per lb.
" Wire, Cast steel — — .15 to .28 per lb.
" " Copper No. 6 — — .19 1/2 per lb.
Hauling — — — — — — .50 per Load
Ice, Best quality — — — .30 per 100 lbs.
" Machine made — — — .35 " " "
Iron & Steel, Machine steel, — — .02 1/2 per lb.
" " " American Bar, — — .0249 " "
" " " Bar steel 3/16, 1/4 & 1 inch — .11 1/4 " "
" " " Castings 3/8, 5/10 & 5/8 in. — .02 1/4 " "
Kegs, - Specie — — — — — .80 each.
" " Heads — — — .12 "
Lamp Chimneys, — — — 2.75 per Doz.
Lumber Laths — — — — .24 bundle
" Redwood 1, 1/2, & 2 inch, — $56.25 per M.
" White Pine, Panel, 1, 1 1/4, 1 1/2 & 2 in., — $56.25 per M.
" White Pine Plank 1 1/4, 1 1/2,
2 & 3 inch No 1, — $51.50 to $59.50 per M.
" White Pine Boards 1 in. No. 1, — $46.20 per M.
" " " " 1 in. No. 2, — 23.00 " "
" " " " 1 in. No. 3, — 17.25 " "
" Hemlock joists & scantling,
2 & 3 inch, planed, — $13.00 per M.
" Ash, 1 & 2 in. No 1, planed, — 51.25 & $53.25
" Ash, 3 & 4 in. No. 1, 20 in. wide — 84.25 per M.
" Walnut, 1/2 & 1 1/4 in. (planed) — $115.00 & $145.00 per M.
" " 1 & 1 1/2 in. No. 1, — $143.25 per M.
" Cherry, 1, 1 1/2 & 2 in. No. 1, — $137.25 & $140.00 per M.
" Poplar 1/2, 1, 2 & 3 in No. 1, — $27.00, $42.25 & $47.25 per M.
" Double Fencing, White Pine, Nos 1 & 2, — $44.25, & $19.35 per M.
" Flooring Va. Pine 1, 1 1/4, & 1 1/2 in — $20.00 & 18.00 per M.
" Basswood — — — — $21.25 per M.
" Yellow Pine 2x3, & 4x4, No. 1, — 21.93 " "

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Lumber

Yellow Pine, Flooring, No 1,	$25.50 per M.
" " " Fencing, No 1,	23.25 " "
Lard, best Kettle, rendered	0.07 3/4 per lb.
Lead, Pig C.P.	.05 per lb.
" sheet	.0519 per lb.
Lime	.25 per Bu.
Lye, Concentrated,	.08 per lb.
Matches, Safety,	1.75 per Gross.
" Parlor,	.70 " "
Mitts No. 1,	7.40 per Doz.
" No. 2,	5.42 " "
" Furnace	.38 pair
" Fire	.28 "
Oils, Mount Farm	.14 per gall.
" Crescent cylinder	.60 " "
" Vacuoline	.40 " "
" " Red	.30 " "
" Cosmo, Lubric,	.30 " "
" Headlight	.07 " "
" Lard	.65 " "
Oilers, Quarts,	2.40 per Doz.
" Pints	1.97 " "

Paints & Painters' Materials:-

Bronze green,	.06 1/2 per lb.
Copal Varnish,	.68 per gall.
Paints, Chrome Yellow,	.08 per lb.
" " Green,	.07 7/8 " "
" Linseed oil,	.50 per gall
" Outside Varnish,	1.10 " "
" Paint Pots,	2.44 per Doz.
" Putty,	.01 1/2 per lb.
" Sand paper, ass't'd.,	1.84 per ream.
" Turpentine,	.33 1/2 per gall.
" White Lead,	.0498 per lb.
" White Zinc,	.05 3/8 " "

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Paints Yellow Ochre in oil,	$0.03 7/8 per lb.
Pearl Ash,	.07 " "
Pomade, Butz',	.23 3/4 " "
Rubber Goods:-	
Gaskets, 1/4 + 3/8 guage washers,	.13 1/4 per Doz.
Gloves, long, right hand,	.64 1/2 apiece
" short, left hand,	.46 "
Matts Corrugated, 36 X 18,	12.60 per Doz.
Mitts, double thumb + pads,	10.55 " "
Packing by the roll	.10 1/5 per lb.
Spittoons	5.82 per Doz.
Stoppers	.17 " "
Salt, Turk's Island	.26 1/2 per Bu.
Saltpetre (double refined Nitre)	.0495 per lb.
Skins, Chamois, (Yellow)	2.40 per Doz.
Soda-ash, best	.01 1/4 per lb.
" Nitrate of	.02 1/2 " "
Soap, Borax	.07 per lb.
" Castile	.10 7/8 " "
" Detersive	.05 " "
" Sapolio	.75 per Doz.
" Sand	.03 per lb.
" Powder, 1776 Babbitts	.05 3/4 " "
Tallow, cylinder, double refined,	.06 " "
Tin-ware, Cups, Pints,	.40 to .50 per Doz.
" " " 1/2 Pints,	.25 per Doz.
" " Dust pans,	.75 " "
" " Square pans,	10.00 " "
" " Pans, large, round	7.50 " "
" " " small "	4.50 " "
" " Boxes + lids	3.50 per Gross.
White rags,	.07 per lb.
" cotton waste,	.07 " "
Wood, Oak	5.23 per Cord

over

Zinc (Bertha Spelter) — — — $0.07½ per lb.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C.D. No. 8591 for $700.00, being on account of Profits on Medals and Proof Coin sold during the Quarter ended June 30, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 9th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 10, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant in reference to the supply of one-cent coins on hand, you are informed that 50,000 will be transferred to you by the Treasurer of the United States, for re-issue.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith two small pieces of gold received from the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department, for which I will thank you to return me the value.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

John Daggett,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed.

As it is very uncertain when the representatives of this Bureau will be able to reach San Francisco by reason of the strike, you will resume operations without waiting for them to make the count.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 10, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury, for examination and settlement, an account of the Montana Union Railway Co., for the transportation in the Months of July & November, 1893, from Silver Bow, Mont. to Garrison, Mont. of Mint supplies, amounting

to $0.10, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1894.

Duplicate Bill and B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + + account of the Northern Pacific + December 1893, from St. Paul & Garrison to Helena, Mont. + + amounting to $10.40 + + Contingent Expenses + 1894. Duplicate + B/L herewith.

+ + + account of the Minneapolis and St. Louis + December 1893, + New York City to St. Paul, Minn. + + $15.83 + Contingent expenses + 1894. Duplicate + B/L herewith.

+ + + account of the Minneapolis and St. Louis + February 1894, + Frankford Pa. to St. Paul, Minn. + + $7.87 + Contingent Expenses + 1894. Duplicate + B/L herewith.

July 10, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

The President of the United States having appointed Eugene B. Braden to be Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, and having issued to him a commission

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to that effect, you will, upon presentation of his commission, turn over the office to him at such time as may be mutually agreed upon. If necessary, a few days before the transfer, you will close your office to business, and ship all the bullion in your possession to the Mint at Philadelphia. You will deposit the amount of all charges, profits and miscellaneous receipts received from assays of ores in your possession, and forward the certificates to this Bureau and rendering an account covering the period in which you have served during the current quarter. You will furnish the Bureau with a statement of the balances belonging to the Bullion Fund to your credit at New York and Helena, separately, and forward a statement of unpaid checks drawn by you against the same. No portion of these balances will be turned over to your successor, but they will be returned to the Treasury by transfer orders.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Please correct the figures in letter from this Office of 9th instant - "Deposit Mem #229" as follows, viz:

Gross value $8,541.90 instead of $8,475.86, which appears on our press copy.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

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E. B. Braden, Esq.,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

Mr. W. D. Wheeler has been instructed by mail to-day, to turn over the Assay Office to you at such time as may be mutually agreed upon between you.

Mr. Wheeler will render a Bullion account for the period in which he has served of this quarter, shipping all bullion deposited as well as charges collected by him. It will be necessary to transfer to the Treasurer of the United States the balances placed to his credit on account of the Bullion Fund in the Depositary Banks at Helena, Mont. and with the Assistant Treasurer, U.S. at New York. You will, therefore, advise this Bureau by wire, the day you enter upon your duties in order that funds may be placed to your credit at the Depositary Banks in Helena and with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, to enable you to pay for deposits.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

Emory C. Smith, Esq.,
Denton, Texas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I forward you by to-day's mail a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, in which you will find a brief synopsis of the coinage

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legislation from 1792 to date.

The amount of silver dollars which could be coined by the Mints, allowance being made for other necessary coinage, would be about three million dollars per month, or by working over-time, four millions.

The capacity for the coinage of gold per month would depend entirely upon the denomination of the coins.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

Capt. John. F. McGlensey, U.S.N.,
Charlestown, Jefferson Co.,
West Va.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 28th ultimo was duly received and has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Penna.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

Dr. David T. Day,
Chief of Division, Mining Statistics & Technology,
U.S. Geological Survey.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 5th instant enclosing the letter of Mr. M. A. Bourdariat of Naples, Italy, has been received and I have written to Mr. Bourdariat that I should be pleased

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to receive his figures and would give him due credit in any use made of the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

M. A. Bourdariat, Esq.,
7 Chiatamone,
Naples, Italy.

Sir:-

Dr. David T. Day, of the Geological Survey has referred to me your letter of the 20th ultimo.

I shall take pleasure in forwarding you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint upon the Production of the Precious Metals for the calendar year 1893, as soon as received from the Printer, which will be in about ten days.

I should be pleased to receive your statistics of the production of gold in the world and will give you due credit for the same in any use made of them.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

G. W. Riley,
Wayne, Nebraska.

Sir:-

I have to reply to the queries contained in your letter of the 25th ultimo to the Secretary of the Treasury, as follows:-

1st:- Standard silver dollars are legal tender for all sums between individuals except where

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otherwise stipulated in a contract.

2nd:- The weight and fineness of the present fractional silver coins are provided for by Section #3513 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

3rd:- The regulations governing the distribution of fractional silver coins are enclosed herewith.

4th:- The issue of fractional silver coin by the Government is limited to the public demand.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1894.

Hon J. H. Mitchell, Esq.,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, you are informed that the number of standard silver dollars coined prior to 1873 was 8,045,838. The amount of fractional silver coined prior to 1873 was $137,096,040.60. The amount of subsidiary silver coined from 1873 to 1878 was $53,527,844.45.

The amount of gold reserve held by the Government on March 3rd, 1893 was $103,052,612.44.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the

sum of Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars ($25,723.85) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars ($162.10) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars ($25,885.95), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont., as shown by Memorandum No. 49 dated July 6, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 11, 1894.

Wm. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 49, dated July 6, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 49, dated June 30, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $25,949.07; charges $63.12, and net value $25,885.95. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + Bullion Accounts,
+ + Quarter ending June 30, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + Ordinary Expense
+ + Month ending June 30, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

+ + + Ordinary Expense
+ + Month ending June 30, 1894.

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W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to-day approved and referred a bill of the Helena Independent amounting to $4.41, for printing your advertisement for proposals for supplies during the current fiscal year, payable from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 11, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of inquiry of the 9th inst. I have to inform you that the appropriations thus far made, for the service of the fiscal year 1895, was by joint resolution of Congress and cover only 30/365ths. of the year. Should the appropriations bill for legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the current fiscal year not pass before the close of July, you will pay in your account for July only 30 days service on account of salaries and wages of workmen.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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July 11, 1894.

Hon. Henry C. Snodgrass,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

I have to reply to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 7th instant as follows:-

1st.- The United States gold dollar contains 23.22 Troy grains of pure gold.

2nd.- The alloy of the gold coins is copper (1/10 th.). There is no charge for coinage.

3rd.- The equivalent of the American gold dollar in the gold coinage of England is 49 5/16 pence, 100 cents.

Your letter is returned herewith as requested.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1894.

Mr. de Mezey,
Charge d'Affaires of Austria-Hungary.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of five copies of "Tabellen zur Wahrungs-Statistik" issued by the Imperial and Royal Ministry of the Finances at Vienna, for which I beg to tender you my most sincere thanks.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Sixty-three Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($63,739.02) in Gold Coin, and Ninety-six $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars ($96.01) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-five $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($63,835.03), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo. as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated July 9, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Mint at Denver, Colo.
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. + Eighty-four and Twenty-three $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars ($84,023.51) in Gold Coin, and Sixty-nine $\frac{48}{100}$ + ($69.48) + total of Eighty-four Thousand and Ninety-two $\frac{99}{100}$ + ($84,092.99) + Bullion + Assayer + United States Mint at Denver, Colo. + + Memorandum No. 2 + July 9, 1894 + +

July 12, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated July 9, 1894,

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of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1, dated July 3, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $63,920.10; charges $85.07, and net value $63,835.03. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
Deposit Memorandum No. 2 + July 9, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2
+ July 3, 1894, + + +
$84,281.52; + $188.53, + $84,092.99.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

July 13, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle, Esq.,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-six Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-five 99/100 Dollars ($76,695.99) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and and Thirty-eight 40/100 Dollars ($238.40) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-four 39/100 Dollars ($76,934.39), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 3, dated July 11, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston, Director.

July 13, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 3, dated July 11, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3, dated July 6, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $77,047.66; charges $113.27, and net value $76,934.39. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + Ordinary expense
+ + Month ending June 30, 1894.

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July 13, 1894.

Hon. H. M. Teller,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry, you are informed that the net exports of gold for May and June, are as follows:-

May — — — — 23,327,270; and
June — — — — 21,118,742.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1894.

L. Strauss & Sons,
P. O. Box #1,000,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, you are informed that the value of a fine ounce of pure silver, upon which the estimates of the foreign silver coins for July 1st, 1894 were based, was $0.63,225.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1894.

The F. Gutekunst Company,
Cor. 9th Street & Girard Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, you are informed that as soon as the specifications are ready for proposals, to strike the

24,000 copies of the World's Fair Medals, copies of the same will be sent you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion Accounts, of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the month ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 14, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion Accounts for the month ending June 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please explain the necessity for expenditures amounting to $14.63, covered by voucher No. 989 of your Ordinary account for June '94. Purchases that do not plainly imply necessity should always be accompanied by an explanation to facilitate the verification of accounts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 14, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 13th instant, the following awards for supplies for your Mint during 1895, are hereby changed and corrected, and so much of my letter of approval of the 9th instant as is inconsistent herewith is hereby revoked:

Bid for Buckskin Mittens, by James Robertson, at $7.72 per dozen is substituted for bid previously approved.

The bid of Thos. G. Hood, for sponge cloths is approved at $4.00 per gross, instead of 40 cents per gross as originally submitted. To take the place of bid for duck 8 ounce, the bid of the same person for duck 44 inches and

12 and 14-100 ounces in weight is hereby approved, without change of price.

The error in redwood lumber has been changed to conform to sizes mentioned in your letter, as has also the price of 1 inch pine boards No. 1, both of which were clerical errors.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of November 1893, from Council Bluffs to Granger, of Mint supplies, amounting to $0.99, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Office fiscal year 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Oregon Short Line
+ Utah Northern Railway Co., + November 1893,
+ Granger to Silver Bow, Mont. + +
amounting to $0.78 + + Contingent
expenses + Office, fiscal year 1894.

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July 14, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1894, has been approved for the sum of $920.53, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1895	$263.00
Wages of Workmen	1895	
Contingent Expenses	1895	657.53

The appropriations of 1894, have been extended by joint resolution of Congress to cover 30 days of the month of July.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 14, 1894.

Hon. F. M. Cockrell,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
U. S. Senate.

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The business of the Denver Mint has increased to such a volume that the amount provided for Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses in the Legislative Bill now pending will not be sufficient for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-five. The amount of the business for the first six months of eighteen hundred and ninety-four as compared with

the first six months of eighteen hundred and ninety-three has increased about one hundred and thirty per-cent. I think the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at Denver should be increased to seventeen thousand five hundred dollars, and for Contingent Expenses to four thousand dollars as it is plain that the appropriation provided for in the Bill will not be sufficient.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 14, 1894.

Telegram Confirmed.

Hon. H. M. Teller,
U. S. Senate.

Please see my telegram to Senator Cockrell, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, in regard to Denver, Mint.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

July 16, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Seventy-three Thousand Six Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars ($73,616.55) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars ($447.66) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-four Thousand and Sixty-four $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars ($74,064.21), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded

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by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum No. 4, dated July 12, 1894 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Mint at Denver, Colo.,
+ Mint at Philadelphia + Seventy-nine Thousand and Seventy $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($79,070.50) in Gold Coin, and Sixty-nine $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars ($69.59)
+ making a total of Seventy-nine Thousand One Hundred and Forty $\frac{09}{100}$ Dollars ($79,140.09)
+ Bullion + Assayer + Mint
+ Denver, Colo + Memorandum No. 5 +
July 12, 1894, + + + +

July 16, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The deposits of gold bullion at the Mint of the United States at Denver, Colorado, have increased to such an extent that the amount provided for wages of workmen and contingent expenses by the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, pending in the Senate, will not be sufficient to meet these expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

The value of the gold bullion deposited at the Denver Mint from January 1st to June 30th, 1893, was $595,135.77; from July 1st to December 31st, 1893, $1,206,483.00; from January 1st 1894, to June 30th 1894, $2,034,143.45, showing an

increase over the fiscal year of 1893 of about 130 per cent.

The appropriation for wages of workman for the Mint at Denver for the fiscal year of 1895, should be increased from $13,750.00 to $17,750.00 and the appropriation for contingent expenses from $2,750.00 to $4,000.00 as it is evident from the constantly increasing deposits of gold bullion at that Institution, that the amount provided by the Bill now pending in the Senate for wages of workmen and contingent expenses, will not be sufficient.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 4, dated July 12, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4 dated July 7, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $74,191.89; charges $127.68, and net value $74,064.21. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, + July 12, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5,
+ July 7, 1894 + + + +

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$79,317.88; + $177.79, + + $79,140.09.
For the latter amount + bullion fund +
Institution + + Mint at Philadelphia.

July 16, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in reference to the brittleness of the Omaha & Grant fine bars. In future a toughening charge will be imposed by the Mint on these bars.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C. D. No. 16 for $1,458.22, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the fiscal year 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 13th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriations.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement a bill of the New Orleans Picayune, amounting to $43.20 for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your mint during the fiscal year 1895, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the fiscal year 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 16, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 16, 1894.

Hon. Lafe Pence,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of current date, you are informed that the number of silver dollars

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coined during the first six months of the present calendar year was 405 pieces, all proof pieces.

All of these pieces were coined at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1894.

Mr. James Douglass,
No. 99 John Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

A copy of the report on the production of the precious metals for 1893, will be mailed to you as soon as received from the printer, which will probably be in ten days.

The edition for 1883 is exhausted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1894

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will procure an appropriation of $16,969.37, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894.

This deficiency is due to the allowance made the Melter and Refiner, and Coiner for wastage in their gold operations under Section 3542 of the Revised Statutes.

During the year, the Melter and Refiner

of the Mint at Philadelphia operated upon 9,310,254.355 ounces of standard gold bullion and the Coiner upon 8,452,167.355 ounces. Upon this the legal allowance for wastage under Section 3542 of the Revised Statutes would be $251,636.14 while the actual wastage was only $16,969.37.

Considering the large gold coinage executed by the Mint at Philadelphia during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1894, viz: $76,219,912.50, and the pressure under which it was made in order to meet the requirements of the Treasury, the wastage of the operative officers is comparatively small. It was impossible to determine the amount of wastage of these officers until their accounts were settled in full at the close of the fiscal year, and the appropriation asked for is necessary to reimburse the Treasurer for the loss.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will procure an appropriation of $5,503.85, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for freight on coin and bullion between the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1894.

During the year, owing to the requirements of the Treasury for gold coin, it was necessary to transfer from the U. S. Assay Office of New York to the Mint at Philadelphia $50,207,000, in gold

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bullion. The transportation charges on this amount aggregated $15,047.80 of which amount $12,536.80 was paid from the appropriation of "Contingent Expenses" of the Mint at Philadelphia under Section 3553 of the Revised Statutes, leaving a balance due for the transportation of gold bullion from the Assay Office at New York to the Mint of $2,511.00.

The balance of the appropriation now asked for, $2,992.85, is for the transportation of gold bullion from the Assay Offices at Boise City, Charlotte, Helena and St. Louis, and from the Mint at Denver to the Mint at Philadelphia during the months of May and June 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-seven Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($67,118.80) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Six $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($806.46) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars ($67,925.26) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 1, dated July 13, 1894 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

July 17, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, N.Y. for the month ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 17, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated July 13, 1894. of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1 dated July 7, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $68,108.25; charges $182.99, and net value $67,925.26. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending June 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1894.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Telegrams Confirmed

Twenty-five thousand was placed by wire with Denver National Bank.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as noted, to same address:
Seventy-five thousand dollars placed + with Denver Banks by wire yesterday.

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1894,

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 17, 1894.

Hon. F. G. Newlands,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, requesting a copy of the Coinage Laws, I will state that a copy of the latest compilation of the same, made by the Department, is sent you by to-day's mail.

A later edition, however, has been published under the auspices of the Senate Finance Committee.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1894.

Messrs. C. N. Lindley & Co.,
Carlisle Block,
Chillicothe, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, requesting copies of the proceedings of the International Monetary Conference at Brussels, you are informed that you should make application to the State Department, and to whom I have referred your letter.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson City be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thous-

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and Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, Cal. by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be struck fifty Bronze medals of Secretary Carlisle, and forward the same to this Bureau as early as practicable, with your account for the same.

These medals will be furnished at cost.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

July 18, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $20,227.31, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1895,	$3,378.00
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	13,972.60
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	2,876.71

The appropriations of 1894, have been extended by joint resolution of Congress to cover 30 days of the month of July.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 18, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $4,000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Company) Railway Co., for transportation in the Month of August 1893, from Ogden, Utah to San Francisco of Mint supplies, amounting to $7.39, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1894.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Union Pacific + January 1894, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, Utah + + $2.31 + + Contingent expenses + 1894. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Similar letters to:

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nevada.

+ + + Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Company) + August, 1893 + San Francisco + Reno, Nev. + $50.58 + + Contingent Expenses + 1894. Duplicate B/L. herewith.

+ + Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Company) + + Months of September & October 1893 + San Francisco to Reno, Nev. + $9.42 + Contingent Expenses + 1894. + B/L herewith.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 17th instant, requesting authority to pay the bill of the "California Demokrat" for advertising without waiting for its approval by the Department, I have to inform you that this would be a violation of the Regulations of the Department, which require all bills for advertising to be submitted and passed upon before the payment, in order to ascertain whether the rates charged for, correspond with the sworn statement furnished by the publishers of the paper, in which the advertisement is inserted.

In the case of the "California Demokrat", I find upon inquiry that they have not complied with this regulation of the Department. Their bill cannot therefore be paid until they have done so.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed

Bill of California Demokrat for advertising must be approved at Department before payment.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegrams Confirmed

You are authorized to coin as many Standard silver dollars as practicable this month. Letter by mail.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

July 18, 1894.

Mr. D. D. Langford,
Care of Charles Ray,
Bazo Mills, Livingston Co., Ky.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, you are informed that during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1894, $5,881,140, in silver was coined by the Mints of the United States. This amount was composed almost exclusively of halves, quarters and dimes. Owing to the fact that for several years past, the Mints were required to coin a given quantity of silver dollars to comply with the law, the coinage of gold was simply confined to such an amount as was required to meet the payments for gold bullion at the San Francisco Mint, a comparatively small amount being coined at the other Mints.

Owing to this fact, the gold bullion accumulated in large amount at the New York Assay Office and the Philadelphia Mint, and by reason of the heavy demands within the past year upon the Treasury for gold coin, it became necessary to convert this bullion $80,000,000, into gold coin,

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hence the quantity of silver coined was smaller the past year than heretofore.

Instructions have been given to resume the coinage of silver dollars to such an extent as will not interfere with the necessary coinage of gold, and such an amount of fractional silver halves, quarters and dimes as may be necessary to meet the public demands. Silver is coined only on Government account and not for individuals.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1894.

Will Turner, Esq.,
Sir:

Enclosed herewith find statement of the coinage of the Mints of the United States, for the first six months of the current calendar year, which is sent you at the request of Hon. W. L. Terry.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1894.

Mr. W. H. Harvey,
No. 115 Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant you are informed that my estimate of the World's output of silver in 1893, was 161,162,000 ounces of the coining value of $208,371,100.

These estimates are not made by fiscal years

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but by calendar years only.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1894.

Hon Richard Bartholdt,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, in reference to the Assayer of the United States Assay Office, declining to receive certain gold deposits from Mr. J. Will Barron, of Shrewsbury, Missouri, received. It is possible that the bullion tendered by Mr. Barron was too base for Mint operations, and was declined by the Assayer upon this ground.

I have referred your letter to the Assayer at St. Louis for report, and as soon as his report is received, a copy will be sent to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to request that P. H. Devine, a Clerk of the 2nd Class and Stenographer, in this Bureau, be notified that his services will not be required from and after the 31st instant.

In making this recommendation, I invite your attention to the enclosed papers.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Miss Helen E. Stevens, a Clerk of the 1st Class, in the office of the Supervising Architect, be transferred and promoted to the Clerkship of the 2nd Class, and Stenographer in this Bureau, to take effect upon the first proximo.

The Act making the appropriation for this position requires that the person filling the same should be a Stenographer.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 19, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper account-

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ing officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending June 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Enclosed please find check for $8.91, for which I will thank you to return me, one silver and minor coin proof set, and seven silver dollars, coinage of 1894.

If you have any silver dollars, blanks or planchetts on hand, already prepared for stamping, you are authorized to stamp the same immediately as ordinary coinage.

I would like to have the proof set by the morning of the 21st. instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed. Notify me by wire when you commence the coinage of silver dollars and telegraph your coinage of such coins daily until the close of this month.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to:

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Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

July 19, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 19, 1894.

Mr. J. S. Daugherty,
Room 508 Kiam Building,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 6th instant, I would state that when the duty of 5% on the import of silver in India was first suggested, it met with so much opposition from public opinion in England, that I was left under the impression that the idea of its imposition had been abandoned. I find, however, upon consulting the London financial papers that I was mistaken in this.

The Indian Government has authority, at any time, to coin silver on Government account. This Bureau has, however, no sources of information as to whether it is or is not coining silver on such account, as we only receive statements of the coinage executed by the Mints of that country, at the close of their fiscal year. Upon consulting the

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London and other financial papers I have been unable to ascertain whether any silver coinage is now being executed by the Indian Mints.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1894.

Mr. C. H. Bliss,
Auburn, Indiana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, you are informed that the average price of silver for the calendar year, 1893 was $0.8436 per ounce fine, and for the six months ending June 30th. 1894, $0.6857 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-seven $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars ($32,337.65) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty-one $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars ($231.45) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-nine $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars ($32,569.10) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City,

as shown by Memorandum No. 39, dated July 17, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 20, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo. be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 39 dated July 17, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 39, dated June 30, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $32,656.75; charges $87.65, and net value $32,569.10. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your

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Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two ~~Hundred Thousand~~ Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Telegram Confirmed. Ninety thousand dollars placed to your credit with Denver Banks by wire today.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant in reference to the

award for charcoal received. For the reason stated you are authorized to award the contract for lump oak charcoal to Rowand at nineteen cents per bushel of twenty pounds.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of June, 1894 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Dimes	,	Dels. 23 & 24	, .40
4 H. Eagles	,	" 127 & 130	, 20.00
Total	,		, $20.40

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 H. Dollars	,	Del. 84	, 1.00
4 D. Eagles	,	" 47 & 48	, 80.00
Total	,		, $81.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quarters		Del. 129	, .50
Total.	,		, $ .50

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Herewith please find returned voucher #377, of your Ordinary account for June, bill of Messrs. A. Baldwin & Co. for Hardware. This bill is so carelessly made up and contains so many abbreviations (familiar to the "Trade" no doubt but undecipherable to an outsider) as to make a satisfactory verification impossible. I will therefore thank you to have it copied in a legible hand even if it is necessary to return it to the firm for the purpose.

In ~~this connection~~ I desire to say that your Cashier, or some one for him, should carefully check every item of bills paid by him and thus avoid the trouble of returning vouchers, or of disallowances that may be made in your accounts. I find in this account a bill of the Louisiana Electric Light Co. Voucher #330 for lighting 31 nights at $1.20 per night extended $40.30 instead of $37.20 the correct amount. If this is an error in the price charged a correct voucher must be forwarded. An erroneous calculation also appears in voucher #344 bill of John Francis for mason work, the first item of which is "Mason 15½ days @ $4.50 – $62.77. The correct amount due if the time and per diem are properly entered is $69.75.

Your attention is also invited to Petty voucher #355 for one cord of "Fat pine wood" charged at $5.00 instead of at the contract rate of $3.90, per cord. If these vouchers cannot

be properly explained I shall be compelled to recommend disallowances where necessary.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 20, 1894.

Mr. H. G. Torrey,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant received, and in reply I would say that at the time of the writing of my letter of the 9th ultimo, I expected to be in New York the following week, but have been detained here.

At present I cannot say definitely when I will be in New York on account of the number of persons belonging to the office now absent. I expect, however to be in New York in the course of the next two weeks, for two or three days.

I would prefer to discuss the matters at issue with both yourself and the Superintendent, and therefore do not feel that I would be treating the Superintendent courteously by authorizing you to visit Washington.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Mr. G. Mc. Lendon,
Thomasville, Georgia.

Sir:

In reply to so much of your letter of the 7th

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instant to the Comptroller of the Currency as refers to the weight of silver owned by the Government, I have to reply as follows:

The weight of silver coin and bullion in the Treasury, July 1st 1894, 2,000 pounds to the ton, was:-

Dollars held against certificates	9,637 tons.	1204 pounds
Dollars held against Treasury Notes	760 "	1906 "
Bullion held against " "	4824 "	

Total in tons held against certificates and notes, 15,221 tons 1,089 pounds, and weight of the dollars held by the Treasury and against which there were no silver certificates or Treasury notes outstanding was 448 tons 961 pounds.

In regard to the export and imports of gold, you are informed that most of the gold shipped from this country for the last three years, has been in the form of coin. This is due to the fact that the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States will only furnish fine bars for use in the Arts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Mr. C. V. Gerritsen,
Tesselschadestraat 15,
Amsterdam.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I forward you by to-day's mail, copies of the report of the Director of the Mint, on the operations of the Mints and Assay Offices for the fiscal years

1890, 1891 and 1892, and on the production of the precious metals for the calendar years 1891 and 1892. As soon as the latter report for 1893 is printed a copy will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Miss Maude Palmer,
No. 3322 Woodland Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Your letter of the 27th ultimo was duly received, but by some inadvertency was not referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in whom the law vests appointments in that institution, until today.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1894.

Mr. James Cromb,
Clifton, Arizona.

Sir:

Your letter enclosing the remains of a ten dollar bill, received, and the same has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1894, has been approved for the sum of $5,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1895,	$2,000,
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	2,000,
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	1,000,

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 21, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Hon. Marriott Brosius,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

In reply to your first question, I would state that until about fifteen years ago, little effort was made by statisticians to ascertain the money stock of various countries of the World. In such imperfect estimates as were made in 1850 or in years prior thereto, of the monetary stock of the different countries, the silver was never given separately from the gold, because at that time silver for monetary purposes was in all respects equal to the gold, and not until after silver had become demonetized as compared with gold, did statisticians begin to make the separation referred to. For this reason it is impossible to say how much silver money was in use in England, Germany, France and the United States in 1850.

In reply to your second and third questions, I would state that the silver coinage of England from 1851 to 1870 was equal to $31,243,217: from 1871 to 1890, $62,306,352. The silver coinage of France, from 1851 to 1870 was equal to $103,307,957: from 1871 to 1890, $70,578,588. The silver coinage of Germany from 1857 to 1872 when it began to coin its new Imperial pieces was equal to $167,905,000: from 1872 to 1890, $107,632,000.

I have not the data of the silver coinage of Germany previous to 1857. The silver

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coinage of the United States from 1850 to 1870 was equal to $63,254,676; from 1870 to 1890, $485,889,912.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of Eugene B. Braden, Assayer in charge of said institution as follows: $50,000, with the Assistant Treasurer, U.S. at New York, and $50,000, with the Merchants and First National Banks of Helena, Montana. Advice of credit to be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to same address:

+ + Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. + Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) + + lawful money + + Assayer + as follows: $20,000. with Asst. Treas. U.S. at N.Y. and $5,000 with Commercial National Bank at Charlotte, N. C.

+ + Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, + Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) + lawful money + Assayer in charge

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+ + with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York, and advice of credit given by wire.

July 23, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-four $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars ($18,824.30) in Gold Coin, and Eighty $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars ($80.24) in Silver Coin, making a total Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Four $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars ($18,904.54) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. as shown by Memorandum No. 2 dated July 20, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 23, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the month ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

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+ + + Ordinary expense +
+ Assayer in charge + U. S. Assay Office at
Helena, Montana + Month + June 30, 1894
+ + + required by law.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York $50,000.-; and with Depositary Banks Helena $50,000.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ + + Twenty-Five Thousand
Dollars ($25,000.-) + + Assistant
Treasurer + New York $20,000, and with
Commercial Natl Bank Charlotte, N. C. $5,000.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + + Fifty Thousand +
($50,000.-) + credit + Assistant
Treasurer of the United States at New York.

July 23, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated July 20, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2, dated July 14, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $18,951.61; charges $47.07, and net value $18,904.54. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

over.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + examined and referred +
+ Ordinary account + Month +
June 30, 1894, with my approval, except $149 bill of the Denver Gas Company, in which the Company has failed to give the proper discount 25% of $5.95 = $1,49 while the company has allowed only 85¢, causing an overcharge of 64¢ which I recommend to be disallowed, unless the Error is susceptible of explanation.

July 23, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 H. Eagles	Del. 131	10.00
Total		$10.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ 2 Dollars +	+ Del. 1 +	2.00
Total		$2.00

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Eugene B. Braden, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

A requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1894, has been approved for the sum of $2,046.56, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1895,	632.87
Wages of Workmen,	1895,	1043.83
Contingent Expenses,	1895,	369.86

Only 30 days of the month of July, are provided for by the joint resolution of Congress, extending the appropriations of 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 23, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8,604 for $209.67, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriations of your Mint fiscal year 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 21st instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary expense accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to appropriations as follows: Salaries $71.14, Wages of Workmen $138.53.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

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J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, asking authority to employ a Bookkeeper and Weigh Clerk, you are informed that as soon as the Appropriation Bill for the current fiscal year is passed by both Houses of Congress, you will be authorized to appoint a book-keeper at eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800.) and a weigh clerk at fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500.) per annum, this being the amount appropriated for the salaries of these places, in the Bill now pending. As soon as it becomes a law, you will be notified by wire, and the appointments can be submitted, to take effect immediately.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Please ascertain and telegraph me tomorrow, the amount of silver bullion on deposit with the Mercantile Deposit Co., June 30th 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Charles E. Barber, Esq.,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation on my last visit to Philadelphia, in reference to the proposals for blanks and striking the World's Columbian Exposition medals, I understood you to say that you would formulate and forward specifications. I would be glad if you would do this at an early date.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1894.

Charles Townsend, Esq.,
Cashier U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Before leaving, after the settlement, I neglected to get from you the statement of the cash account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the six months ending June 30, 1894. I will trouble you to furnish me with a copy of this at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Cabell Whitehead,
Assayer.

July 23, 1894.

F. J. Gross, Esq.,
Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will trouble you to furnish me with a

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statement of the purchase bars stored by you at the Mint at Philadelphia up to the present time. Please certify to it officially, so that I may include it in my report of the annual settlement of the mint at Philadelphia for the present report.

Respectfully yours,
Cabell Whitehead,
Assayer.

July 23, 1894.

Mr. John W. Graham,
Hillsboro,
North Carolina.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, you are informed that the exports and imports of gold to and from the United States for the last two fiscal years, were as follows:

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893:
Exports – $108,966,655. Imports – $22,069,380.
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894:
Exports – $77,038,729. Imports $72,453,066.

The cost of silver purchased under Acts of February 28th 1878, and July 14, 1890 to November 1st 1893, date of the repeal of the Purchase clause of the last named Act, was $464,210,263.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1894.

Mr. L. L. Elliott,
Ely, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, I

forward you by to-day's mail, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, on the Production of the Precious Metals of the United States for the calendar year of 1892.

On page 222 you will find the production of gold and silver of the United States from 1792 to 1892; on pages 224 and 225 the production of gold and silver in the World for the years 1890 1891 and 1892. The report on the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1893, will be issued in a few days, when a copy will be mailed you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1894.

Mr. David T. Day.
Geological Survey.

Sir:

Your letters of the 20th instant, requesting that copies of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals, be sent to Mr. Louis E. Pelaten and Mr. Konrad E. R. Engel received, and the reports will be forwarded by to-day's mail.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1894.

Hon. Joseph Wheeler,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, I estimate the approximate production of gold

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in the World, for the year ending June 30th 1894, at $160,000,000, and of silver $175,000,000.

The production in the United States, during the same period, gold $38,000,000, and silver, $55,000,000.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, for the month ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note disallowances recommended.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 24, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary account for the month ending June 30, 1894, with my approval, except the payroll of employés and voucher No. 90 bill of the Denver

Fire Clay Co. which contains an item of 100 pounds of Bone Ash which is charged at 6¢ instead of the contract rate of 5¢ per lb. In the payroll of employes Frank C. Newton is credited with wages due for the month $86.65 instead of $85.71 the correct amount. The records of this Bureau show Newton to have taken the oath of office on June 5th which would entitle him to 26 days pay for the month. It is presumed that it was intended to pay for this number of days but in doing so the amount fixed by the book of Salary Tables was taken from the first, instead of the second quarter. At all events an over-payment of 94¢ was made to him, which will be disallowed. The $1.00 overcharge in voucher #90 will also be disallowed and you should deposit both amounts, and forward certificate of deposit at as early a date as practicable to facilitate the settlement of your accounts for the fiscal year 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 24, 1894.

J. W. Moon,
Corona, Alabama.

Telegram Confirmed.

Orders have been issued and the Mints at New Orleans and San Francisco are coining silver dollars.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. William E. Morgan,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, in reference to silver dollars mutilated by the counting machine, you are informed that it will be necessary to keep these bags separate, and when the count is completed, they will be counted over, and the mutilated pieces selected.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1894.

Hon. Richard Bartholdt,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, in which it was stated that the Assayer in charge of the Assay Office at St. Louis had declined to receive from Mr. J. Will Barron, certain gold deposits, I enclose herewith for your information, a copy of the Assayer's reply, from which it will be seen that the deposits of Mr. Barron were not fit for the operations of the Mints and Assay offices, and the Assayer in charge was justified, under the instructions and regulations, in refusing to receive the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Dr. Hauchecorne,
Director of the Royal Mining Academy of Prussia,
Berlin, Germany.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 11th instant, I send you by mail to-day the following reports of this Bureau:

Fiscal, 1892 and 1893. Report upon the Production of the Precious Metals for 1892. When the latter report for 1893 is received from the Printer, I shall take pleasure in mailing you a copy.

Your name has been placed upon the Permanent mailing list of the Bureau for future publications.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1894.

Messrs. Rentz Bros.,
No. 323 Nicolett Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 21st together with package containing mutilated silver coin and nickels, received, and has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Mutilated silver coin is only purchased as bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 H. Eagles	Del. 132	10.00
Total		$10.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

4 Dollars	Dels. 2 & 3	4.00
Total		$4.00

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Please forward without further delay your statement of coinage executed at your Mint during the year ended June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Please forward to the Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. fifty copies of Form No. 131 A. shipment of gold bullion, from the stock you have on hand.

It is desirable these blanks be forwarded immediately.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1894.

Hon. R. Q. Mills,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:-

Referring to your reference on a letter of Mr. Lee Riddle, of Granbury Texas, in which it is stated that he finds upon examination of the Statistical Abstract for 1893, the coinage of silver dollars was greater between 1873 and 1878 than for the corresponding prior period, I will state for your information that Table 26 of the Statistical Abstract includes all denominations of silver coin. The number of silver dollars coined during the fiscal year 1873 was 296,000, and no silver dollars were coined after April 1st 1893, when the coinage Act of February 12th 1873 went into effect.

Silver dollars are now being coined at the Mints of San Francisco and New Orleans from bullion purchased under Act of July 14, 1890; subsidiary coins are struck at all of the Mints from worn

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and uncurrent silver coin, transferred from the Treasury for recoinage.

I have sent Mr. Riddle a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1893, and referred him to Page 219, where he will find the coinage of silver given by denominations.

The letter of Mr. Riddle is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1894.

Hon. James T. Cleary,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I enclose herewith statement, showing the approximate location of moneys of the United States, July 1st 1894, as requested for Governor Nelson.

I regret the delay, which was unavoidable, in furnishing this statement.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the month ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

July 26, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery accounts, for the month ending June 30, 1894, with my approval. Useless vouchers originally filed with your Ordinary account are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dollars	Del. 4	2.00
Total		$2.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed

The appropriations were extended by joint resolution for thirty days only, and unless the Bill is passed by Monday next, or the appro-

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priations extended, you can only pay for thirty days in July; balance to be paid when the appropriations is made.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 29 for $473.50, being on account of unexpended bal. of Wages of Workmen of your Mint fiscal year 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 20th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 30 for $346.35 + + unexpended bal. of appropriations for Salaries + 1894 + + + 20th instant + + personal credit + + Ordinary accounts + repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

C. D. No. 31 for $3.85 + unexpended bal. of Contingent Expenses, appropriation + 1894, + 20th instant + + personal credit + Ordinary + + as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The official bond of Ralph C. Webster as calculating clerk of your mint has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and was yesterday filed in the First Comptroller's Office.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 26, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare and forward immediately your statements of deposits and bars manufactured (Forms 60, 61 and 62) for the month of June 1894.

These statements should be prepared so as to reach the Bureau not later than the 15th of the month following for which they are rendered.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

G. O. A. Bush, Esq.,
Prescott, Arkansas.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant,

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you are informed that during the calendar year of 1893, the coinage of silver, was as follows:

Dollars	$1,445,792.00
Half dollars	4,003,945.50
Quarter dollars	2,583,837.50
Dimes	759,219.30

and for the first six months of 1894, as follows:

Dollars	$ 148,431.00
Half dollars	1,921,163.50
Quarter dollars	1,248,313.00
Dime	75,045.50

The coinage of silver dollars is now made daily at the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

Mr. E. James Johnson,
Watson,
Loudoun County, Va.

Sir:

I have to reply to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th questions contained in your letter, as follows:

2nd, That gold pieces of the denomination of one, five and ten dollars were struck by private parties in both Georgia and North Carolina, in 1834, and continued to be struck in North Carolina until about 1854, when their coinage ceased.

Pieces of the denomination of five, ten and twenty and fifty dollars were struck by private parties in ~~San~~ Francisco, California up to 1854. These coins circulated at their face value, and repeated assays have found them to contain the proper amount of fine gold.

The coinage of these pieces by private parties was clearly a violation of the constitution of the United States which vests the power of coining money, solely in the Government.

3rd. In regard to the Encyclopaedia of Professor Smith of the gold and silver coins of the World, the Department has no Knowledge.

4th. I am unable to give you any information as to where you could obtain the silver dollar bearing the stamp of 1804.

These pieces have been sold in coin sales at prices ranging from $600. to $1,000., each.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

Mr. A. J. Perry,
Sandy Ridge,
Lowndes County, Alabama.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, you are informed that since January 1st, the amount of the different denominations struck, is as follows:-

Silver dollars,	$ 148,431.00
Half dollars,	1,921,163.50
Quarter dollars,	1,248,313.00
Dimes	75,045.50

The coinage of silver dollars is made daily at the mints at San Francisco and New Orleans.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Edward L. Tead, Esq.,
National Exchange Bank,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

As soon as received from the printer, which will be in the course of a few days, a copy of the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in 1893, will be mailed you, as requested in your letter of the 24th instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

Mr. E. D. Noyes,
Financial Editor, Evening Post,
New York, N. Y.

July 26, 1894.

Mr. Wm. P. St. John,
President, Mercantile Natl Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant received, and in compliance with your request, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith two silver dollars of the coinage of 1894, for which you can remit me $2.00.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

Eli G. Foster, Esq.,
No. 613 Buchanan Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, you are informed that silver bullion is not coined for individuals, by the Mints of the United States.

The profit that the Government would derive on the coinage of silver bullion into dollars, would depend entirely upon the cost of the bullion. At the price paid for bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, the Government for each dollars coined now will realize a seignorage or profit of over thirty cents.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

Hon. H. M. Teller,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal inquiry of yesterday, I have to state that the net exports of gold so far, for the month of July have been $5,950,544.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1894.

Baron Fava, Italian Ambassador,
Pequot House,
New London, Conn.

Sir:

Yours of the 24th instant, requesting three

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copies of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals, during the year of 1893, received. This report will be received from the Printer in the course of a few days, when the copies requested will be promptly mailed you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars ($66,919.10) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars ($479.21) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{31}{100}$ Dollars ($67,398.31), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No 6 dated July 23, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director.

July 27, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 6, dated July 23, 1894,

of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6, dated July 17, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $67,552.47; charges $154.16, and net value $67,398.31. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 H. Eagles	Del 133	10.00
Total		$10.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of June 1894,

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and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

July 27, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, to the Treasurer of the United States in reference to the loss occasioned by the Melter and Refiner in his silver operations, from July 1st 1893 to May 31st 1894, which you have debited against the silver bullion purchased under Act of 1890 I have to inform you that the balance of this bullion, as reported by you on hand November 1st 1893, must remain intact, unless reduced by the coinage into silver dollars.

The only way in which you can do this would be to debit the loss of the Melter and Refiner in his silver operations to silver purchased for subsidiary silver coin, but inasmuch

as that purchased for this purpose since November 1st. 1893, does not equal the amount of the loss, you are authorized to purchase the silver to cover the Melter and Refiner's maslage, and to pay for the same with the gold coin taken from the Parting and Refining appropriation to make good the amount due the Treasurer on account of the Bullion Fund.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare and forward an invoice of gold bullion approximating $10,000,000. in value, with a view to its transfer to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have had the appropriation for wages of workmen at your Mint increased from $13,750 to $17,750. and the appropriation for contingent expenses from $2,750, to $4,000., which I trust will enable you to get

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along for the year.

You can now submit the appointments of Miss Macelvee as type-writer and Miss Devereaux as Assistant Abstract Clerk at a compensation of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) per month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1894.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Two hundred thousand dollars placed to your credit at New York on the 24th instant. Sixty thousand dollars will be placed to your credit by wire with Denver banks today.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Telegrams confirmed

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Cannot place funds to your credit with Bank at present; draw against your New York balance.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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John T. Kent, Esq.,
New York City.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find your account of expenses incurred in visiting New Orleans to superintend the annual settlement of

the Mint. I also enclose a traveling expense blank upon which the account should be made.

Your attention is called to the fact that a lump sum for meals cannot be allowed. but your account should read July 1,– meals–, 2nd " meals– &c.

Your expenditure ~~to the National Hotel~~, this City should be covered by a voucher.

Your account need not be made up in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 27, 1894.

Mr. W. H. Eckman,
No. 759, The Rookery,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th instant, requesting to be furnished with a photograph or engraving of the Columbian Exposition Medal, for publication has been received.

I regret that I cannot comply with your wishes as the engraving of the dies has not yet been completed, and I am very doubtful whether under the law, the publication of the photograph of the same is permissible. The dies for this medal will probably be completed within the next three months.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Eight Hundred and Six $\frac{70}{100}$ Dollars ($75,806.70) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Sixty-four $\frac{19}{100}$ Dollars ($164.19) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy $\frac{89}{100}$ Dollars ($75,970.89), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 7, dated July 24, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 28, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint, Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 7, dated July 24, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7, dated July 19, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $76,066.49; charges $95.60, and net value $75,970.89. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advise of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of July, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 H. Eagles	Del. 134	10.00
Total		$10.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

4 H. Dollars	Del. 85 & 86	2.00
Total		$2.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Dollars	Del. 5	2.00
Total		$2.00

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Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

During the month of August, you will coin four hundred thousand (400,000) silver

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dollars, and hereafter instructions will be given you as to the amount that is to be coined each month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

July 28, 1894.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In view of the disagreement between you and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in regard to the toughness of certain bars, received from you and the consequent propriety of imposing a toughening charge, it would seem advisable that som provision be made for toughening these bars at your institution.

I am informed by the Assayer of this Bureau that a plant for this purpose can be erected at a cost of about $250.00.

It is not the disposition of the Bureau to interfere in the management of your Mint, and the above is only offered as a suggestion. Should it meet with your approval, I will be glad to co-operate with you in making such tests as will be necessary before erecting a plant.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram Confirmed.

Fifty thousand dollars placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York on the 25th instant, and against which you can draw immediately.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1894.

Messrs. Gardine, Matheson & Co.,
No. 74 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant, you are informed that I have estimated the production of silver in the United States for the calendar year of 1893, at sixty million (60,000,000.) fine ounces.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1894.

Mr. N. T. Whiting,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st ultimo, in reference to pay for sprinkling the streets around the Mint at San Francisco, you are informed that the same was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint in that city, for report.

I enclose herewith, copy of his letter, from

which it appears that you had no contract for this service, and the Superintendent has designed to pay you the cost of the water and horse hire, whenever you present your bill for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1894.

Mr. George W. Ware,
P. O. Box, 171,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 26th instant, I enclose herewith statements showing the production by Counties, of gold in Georgia, and North Carolina, in 1893, according to information furnished this Bureau by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, North Carolina, who was charged with the collection of these statistics.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-six $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars ($39,376.41) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{16}{100}$

Dollars ($298.16) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-four $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($39,674.57) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated July 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + transfer + Bullion Fund
+ Mint at Carson + Mint at San Francisco
+ Seventy-three Thousand Five Hundred and Nine $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($73,509.15) in Gold Coin
+ + + value of Bullion
+ forwarded + Superintendent + Mint at Carson
+ Memorandum No. 300,303 + July 21, 1894 + + at said Mint.

July 30, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the Month ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 30, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to the reference under date of June 11th, of the Bullion Accounts of O. C. Bosbyshell, late Superintendent, U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the quarter ended March 31st 1894, and my recommendation that he be debited with the difference due from him on account of unpaid minor coin orders, and the amount turned over by him to his successor on account of such orders, I have now to inform you that Mr. Bosbyshell has paid over to his successor, the balance due on this account, as shown by letter of Mr. Townsend, the present Superintendent, enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated July 25, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1, dated July 18, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $39,780.25; charges $105.68, and net value $39,674.57. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution

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to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1894.

G. W. Adams, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 300,303, dated July 21, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Shipment No. 1, has been received at this Bureau and I have requested that a transfer of $73,509.15 be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending June 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of July 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 H. Dollars	Dels. 87 + 88	2.00
Total		$2.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram Confirmed.

No objection to doing as suggested in your telegram of twenty-fourth.

R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 30, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Late Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Period ending July 21, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of November 1893, from St. Louis to Council Bluffs of Mint supplies, amounting to $29 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1894.

Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 30, 1894.

Mr. J. K. Gwynn,
No. 589 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request, I enclose herewith a description of the design adopted for the Reverse of the World's Columbian Exposition Award Medal.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventy-seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-seven $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars ($77,497.20) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eighty-eight $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars ($188.38) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-five $\frac{58}{100}$ Dollars ($77,685.58), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 8, dated July 26, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Helena
+ Mint at Philadelphia + +
Forty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve $\frac{71}{100}$
+ ($44,312.71) + Four Hundred and Sixty-
nine $\frac{78}{100}$ + ($469.78) + total of Forty-
four Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{49}{100}$
+ ($44,782.49) + Bullion + +
+ Assayer + Assay Office at Helena
+ Memorandum No. 3 + July 26, 1894
+ + deposited at said Mint.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for the month ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 31, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 8, dated July 26, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8, dated July 21, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $77,869.31; charges $183.73, and net value $77,685.58. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

over.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
late Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Deposit Memorandum No. 3 + July 26, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3
+ July 21, 1894 + + + +
$44,895.92; + $113.43, + + $44,782.49.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

July 31, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary account for the month ending June 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check for three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50) for which I will thank you to return me a two dollar and a half gold piece and one hundred cents, coinage of 1894, per registered mail.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me when I can expect the fifty Bronze medals of Secretary Carlisle, recently ordered.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to-day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the California Demokrat amounting to $29.13, for printing advertisement for proposals for supplies for the use of your Mint 1895, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

July 31, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
late Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2273 for .94¢ being on account of unexpended bal. of Contingent Expenses of your Office

fiscal year 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted to same address:
C. D. No. 2269 for $486.83 + unexpended bal. of Salaries of your office, fiscal year 1894 + + 30th ultimo + + personal credit + Ordinary + Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

July 31, 1894.

Baron Fava,
Italian Ambassador,
Pequot House,
New London, Conn.

Sir:

In compliance with my promise of a few days ago, I forward you, by to-day's mail, three copies of the Report upon the Production of the Precious Metals, for 1893.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,

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